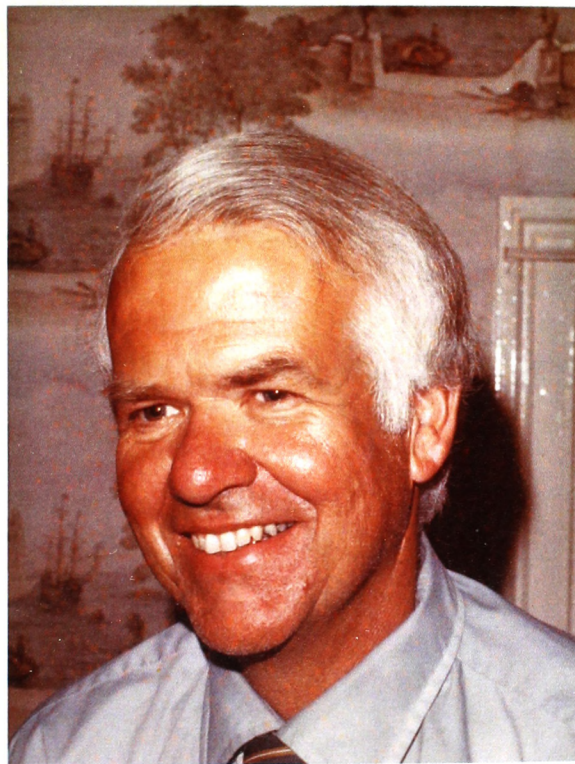


MY FAMILY HISTORY

BY

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Includes:

1. The Story of my Life.

2. Early History of Blairs in Scotland and Ireland.

3. My Ancestry, Paternal and Maternal.

*Terry Russell McCreary
with many thanks for taking over the Clan
Blair in Southern California when I became unable
to continue
With all best wishes
Bill Blair*

Written in 2016

DEDICATION

To My Family Members

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MY LIFE STORY by Wm. C. Blair

I am writing this memoir as a part of my family history and ancestry for my children, grand children and other family members who may be interested. I will start with an autobiography of myself, and follow that with a family history of my paternal and maternal ancestors.

INTRODUCTION:

I have been blessed with a full wonderful happy life, and by having extremely loving, supportive, caring and generous parents who devoted themselves to their children. They were extremely supportive, always encouraging me to reach high and assuring me that I could achieve any goal I chose. At times, I felt they were somewhat overly protective, for example not allowing me to ride a bicycle because of the steep hill we lived on, and scaring me out of flying in an airplane until my mid-30's, but I'm sure they had my best interests in mind.



*Bill, London, 1976
Sabbatical Leave*

My sister Jeannette and I were also extremely fortunate in having very close family ties with my maternal grandmother Nana who lived next door to us, my paternal grandparents just a few blocks away at 34 Oakvale Ave., my father's 2 sisters and their families just a few additional blocks away, and my mother's sister's family (F. A. Webster's) nearby in Richmond, about 20 minutes drive from us. I believe my sister Jeannette and I benefited greatly by having this close loving family.

I grew up in Berkeley. Our home, was a lovely large Spanish style home located at the end of a blind street (280 Stonewall Road), at the top of a hill behind the Hotel Claremont overlooking the canyon of the Fish Ranch Road, with a beautiful view of the forested John Garber Park across the canyon. From one end of the house we could look out past my grandmother's home over Berkeley and across the Bay to San Francisco. My father built a small "play house" behind our home one-half of which I used for my rock and mineral collection, the other half being for my sister's dolls etc. A door separated the two sides and we rarely entered the others portion.

BEGINNINGS:

I was born Monday morning, the day after Easter, April 13, 1925. According to my Baby Book, I was a healthy baby, weighing 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, and 17 1/2 inches in length. I was a little hesitant about walking alone, but other developmental milestones were reached on time if not a little early. My sister Jeannette followed

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being born a little over two years later, on June 7, 1927. I was Baptized in St. Clements Episcopal Church in Berkeley June 6, 1925 which was the 2nd anniversary of my parents wedding. During my sister Jeannette's baptism in 1931, I interrupted the paster calling out "If this is God's house, where does he sleep, where is his bed?", and then Jeannette asked the paster "If he were God". Throughout my early childhood, we as a family attended services at St. Clements Episcopal Church on a pretty regular basis. Father Thomas usually emphasized 3 main points in each sermon, with a lot of repetition of same from time to time. Now I am an active member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. Since my wife's death, I have been particularly active in their bible study and senior activities.



Bill at 18 months
before first hair cut



Bill with ducks age 2
June 1927



Bill, age 2 1/2 years

EARLY FAMILY LIFE:

We as a family often went on Sunday drives such as to Golden Gate Park, or the S.F. Zoo, or Playland at the Beach stopping at the Cliff House for a meal. Another favorite of mine was to go to Walnut Creek where in an ice cream parlor I would have a Chocolate Monday. This was better than an ordinary chocolate sunday, having a very special thick chocolate sauce on vanilla ice cream, which I greatly enjoyed. Also several times a year we would go on slightly longer trips to Carmel and/or to Yosemite (where we always stayed in Cabin #49 at Yosemite Lodge), which was small, and we had to walk to a separate building for a bathroom. Dad would make several business stops as we traveled, and then we could stay a day or two at the destination. I loved these family trips. Also, during my



Billy age 6 and
Jeannette age 4

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growing up years we always had a dog, a German Shepard named Carl, followed by a Sealyham terrier named Moppet. In 1935, Moppet won a first prize blue ribbon in the Berkeley Kennel Club Dog Show. I adored these pets.

SCHOOL DAYS:

My first schooling began with preschool at Miss Hewitt's School on Benvenue Ave. in Berkeley. at age 4 1/2 years. I enjoyed going and spent many happy hours there. John Muir Elementary School, Willard Junior High, and Berkeley High School followed. At John Muir School I was not the tallest boy in my class, Gerald Stanton being at least 2 inches taller than my self. At both John Muir and Willard I enjoyed playing the alto saxophone in the school band, and in 9th grade I was a member of the student patrol serving as a lieutenant under my friend Dick Dorst who was the Chief. My closest friends at these schools were Tod Judkins, Donald Stewart, Gerry Wood, Duncan Williams, Ted Prentiss and Richard MacIntosh, and we had many good times together. In my senior year, my grandmother Nana gave me an automobile for my 16th birthday, a 1941 yellow convertible Plymouth, which I really loved. What a gorgeous car it was, and how fortunate I was. It had relatively little power, and would often stall driving up the street I lived on, (Stonewall Road), if I slowed down. This would necessitate backing down to the bottom of the hill, and then making another run for it. My friends loved riding in it also. My mother's sister's 2 children Harriet and Buz Webster, and my sister Jeannette were very envious of me, but as the eldest of the 4, I was the only lucky one to be given a car from Nana, first born privilege I guess. At Berkeley High, I was a swimming team manager, and graduated at age 17, in June of 1942. with a B grade average. Mid-way through my senior High School year, United States involvement in World War II began with Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. There was a lot of anxiety at the time in Berkeley with rumors of a possible Japanese attack on our West Coast. This concern was intensified for me by the fact that several days later, on Dec. 11, 1941 while playing football at school, I fell fracturing my wrist (Colles Fracture). During this time we were required to cover our windows so that no light would shine out at night, and had gasoline and food rationing. My father was the block warden for our street, to make sure our neighbors complied. Upon graduation from Berkeley High, in June of 1942, our principal Elwin LeTendre, wrote me a note which meant a great deal to me, and I cherished, "I hate to see you leave, Bill. You and your folks have been my fine friends ever since our John Muir days. Goodbye and good luck. I shall rejoice in your success which cannot help but come". Another enjoyable activity as a High School senior were dances at the Claremont Country Club called the Piedmont Assemblies. Some of the girls I enjoyed dancing with included Mary MacEneney, (who later married my cousin Kinnear Smith), Janet Chick, Kiki Balston, Bebe Morehead (who married my fraternity brother Dick Heggie), Mary Janey, and Jean Richards.

FAMILY SUMMER VACATIONS:

Nana, my grandmother had 2 vacation homes, one at Summer Home Park on the Russian River, the other at Diablo Country Club. We would spend a month each summer at each of these, alternating with my mother's sister's family (Websters).

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Nana would alternate spending time with each family, and my father would be at work during the week but drive to be with us weekends. These were delightful places to vacation, with swimming, hiking etc., and as we got older we would invite friends to spend some time with us. At the Russian River there was a wonderful beach, and my father built a kayak for me in the basement of our home. It was named the "Wee Clipper", and I spent many happy hours paddling with a double ended paddle going up river to the Hacienda rapids, and down river to Rio Nido.

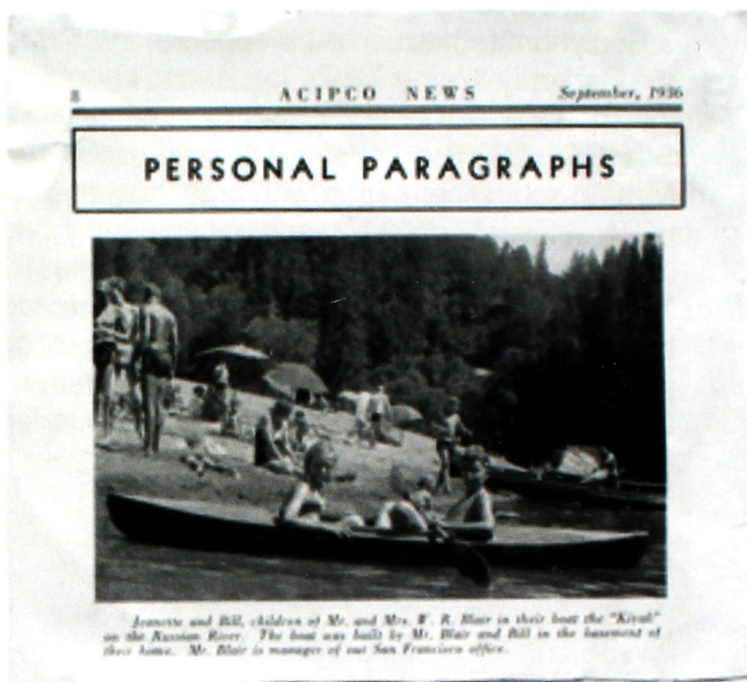
SUMMER CAMPS AND BOY SCOUTS

These were also very important parts of my life. In 1934, 35, and 36, at ages 9, 10, and 11, I attended Lokoya Boys Camp located in the wooded mountains north of Napa. There we had swimming, sports, hiking, and made lots of friends.



Eagle Scout age 14

We also attended Scout Summer Camp at Camp Pretzel at Wolfboro in the High



Bill and sister Jeannette in his kayak "The Wee Clipper" made by our father, Summer Home Park, Russian River.

BOY SCOUT activities became extremely important to me particularly since I was not very good at most sports. Swimming was my best sport. Scouting proved to be a wonderful place in which to make to make friends, develop new skills, self-confidence, leadership ability, and character. At age 12 years I joined Troop 6 which met at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. In due course I became Patrol Leader of the Wolf Patrol, and editor of the troop's newsletter "The Six Shooter" With my friends Don Stewart and Tod Judkins, I earned Merit Badges, hiked and went camping. At age 14, in 1939, the 3 of us became Eagle Scouts at the same time.

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Sierra for 4 summers, from ages 12 to 15, 1937, 38, 39 and 40, a most enjoyable experience.

Other mountaineering experiences that were very memorable and enjoyable included a one week group trip with my family which was led by a Park ranger around the Yosemite High Sierra Camps, starting in Yosemite Valley when I was about 11 years old. We rode mules, and spent a night at Tenaya Lake, Glen Aulin, Tuolumne Meadows, Vogelsang, which was the Camp located at the highest altitude, being over 10,000 feet, and finally Lake Merced, and back to the Valley past Nevada and Vernal Falls. Several years later, I made a similar trip, this time hiking, with Tod Judkins, about a total of 65 miles, around the same camps (substituting May Lake for Tenaya Lake), again with a Park Ranger Naturalist Guide.

SIERRA CLUB HIGH SIERRA HIKES:

Over 3 separate summers, I had the privilege of being the first aid person for Sierra Club High Trips taking care of sore feet, blisters, sunburn, chapped lips etc. These



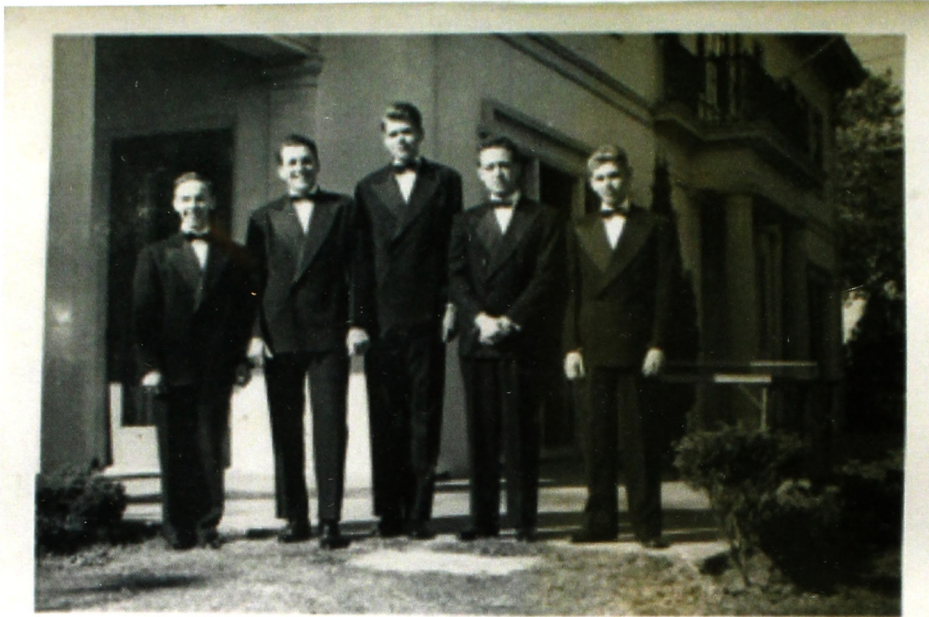
Bill atop Muir Pass, John Muir Trail, Kings Canyon National Park, at altitude of 11,955 feet.

trips consisted of large groups of Sierra Club members (100 or so). We hiked with light packs using burros to carry the heavy stuff. Over the period of 3 years, we hiked the entire length of the John Muir Trail from Tuolumne Meadows to Mt. Whitney in 2 week intervals. I really enjoyed these trips in the wilderness of the High Sierra, away from everything except the few things we took with us. What a wonderful way to learn about and enjoy the beauties of nature, while helping others.

UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY:

At age 17 years, immediately following High School Graduation from Berkeley High School, I enrolled as a freshman at U.C. Berkeley in the summer of 1942, which was about 6 months after the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor and the start of World War 2. U.C. was then on a wartime accelerated schedule, with 3 semesters per year, with only a week of vacation between semesters. As a freshman at Cal, I joined the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and thoroughly enjoyed good times with many friends there. I lived in the Phi Kap House at 1756 Euclid Ave. in Berkeley, just north of the campus. At U.C. I was a Football Manager, both as a freshman, and in Dec. 1942 appointed a Junior Manager (with a gorgeous Cal. football manager's

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Initiation into the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, UC Berkeley.

sweater I proudly wore). As a football manager, among other tasks, I would rush out on the field during time outs as a water boy, and also would clean mud from the cleats of players shoes. At some point in High School, I decided I wanted to become a physician. My parents had become close friends with our family's pediatrician

Dr. Hubert E. Long. We even stayed a couple of times with them as their guests at their summer home at Lake Tahoe, and while in High School I often followed him around on Saturday mornings in his pediatric office, and occasionally made house calls with him. This plus the opportunity to be a Camp Counsellor for a Children's Diabetic Camp located in Sequoia Nat. Park during the summers of 1944 and 45 which was run by Dr. Mary Olney of the Dept. of Pediatrics at U.C. Medical School in San Francisco, (who later became one of my very favorite teachers in the Medical School) along with my strong interest in children and their welfare, led to my decision become a pediatrician.

I completed my Junior Year at UC Berkeley in the summer of 1944 having been on an accelerated program of 3 semesters per year. I graduated in the class of 1946.

U.C. BERKELEY, MEDICAL SCHOOL, AND U.S. NAVY:

Feb. 26, 1943, while a sophomore at U.C. Berkeley, I enlisted in the US Navy, as an apprentice seaman initially on inactive duty, in a category which allowed me to continue for the time being, as a civilian pre-med student at UC Berkeley, with the expectation that if all went well, I would in due course get into the Navy V-12 College Training Program. I chose the Navy in Feb. 1943 while I was still 17 years old, rather than waiting until I turned 18 in April for several reasons: 1. At 17 one could enlist in the Navy, but at 18 I would be eligible for the draft, and would be less likely to continue in college if in the Army (i.e., I would have to take what ever assignment they gave me), 2. The Navy offered a V-12 College program, and 3. I believed that if I should at some point have to go in to a combat situation, I would rather live and

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Bill, Navy 1943

sleep in a bed on a ship than in a muddy trench somewhere.

In June 1943, following completion of my first 3 semesters as a pre-med student, and while awaiting orders to active Navy duty in the V-12 college training program, I went on a camping trip with my friends Don Stewart and Tod Judkins, hiking with backpacks into the High Country from Yosemite Valley. We camped first in Little Yosemite above Nevada Fall, the next day climbed up the cables to the top of Half Dome. (I had done that once before). At the top of Half Dome, I had my picture taken sitting on a overhanging rock with 5,000 feet of empty space directly under me. Wow!. We then camped at Merced Lake. The next day, due to snow we were unable to get all the way to Vogelsang. That night it snowed on us rather heavily as we were sleeping in our sleeping bags without a tent. The next day, upon

returning to Camp Curry, I telephoned home, and learned that my Navy orders to active duty had arrived. At the time I was hoping for a University far away, such as in New England, so initially I was a bit disappointed to learn that I would be continuing at UC Berkeley. However I soon realized how very fortunate I was to be assigned there. The navy had taken over the International House on Piedmont Ave., which they renamed Callaghan Hall, and used it to house and feed all the V-12 students at UC Berkeley. Every morning before class, we would muster on Piedmont Ave., and on alternate days 1/2 the group would run down to the Campanile and back, while the other half would do calisthenics on Piedmont Ave. Because of my height the Navy had a little difficulty providing me my sailor's uniform, resulting in my being the very last V-12 member to be correctly uniformed. When mine arrived, the pants were long enough but the waist was far too large. Finally, a nearby tailor was able to correct that, and I was in uniform at last. Academically I did well at UC with a B average. I dropped Spanish early on so that it would not count against me. The teacher spoke to us only in Spanish, and it was a bit much for me. Before I joined the Navy, I was in an Army ROTC class in which our grade depended entirely on results of shooting on a target. Somehow I aimed at the target of the person next to me, and this gave me my only D grade. Another reason I chose to join the Navy!

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Upon completion of my junior year and hence my premed requirements in the summer of 1944, I had been accepted into the University of California Medical School in San Francisco, but to my surprise and disappointment, the Navy did not choose to honor it, saying they would place me. During the following year waiting for the Navy to place me in a Medical School, I was sent first to San Diego, where I attended Navy Boot Camp, followed by Hospital Corps School. Then I served for 7-8 months as a hospital corpsman at the US Naval Hospital, San Diego. While there I was promoted to pharmacist mate 3rd class. While at San Diego in this assignment, in addition to making beds and other routine chores, etc. I learned a lot as I had opportunities to watch surgery, give injections, and my ward medical officer took me under his wing, and discussed various patients with me. While I was at the San Diego Naval Hospital, every couple of weeks they would put up a list of corpsman being attached to the Fleet Marine Force, and I was thankful my name never appeared on that list. They would then be attached to Marine Corps combat units, and this group had a very high mortality rate. There was a female corpsman there who was very short, about 4 ft. 6 inches. Someone took a picture of us side by side, which was picked up and printed in many newspapers--my brief one and only claim to fame in the Navy. Amazing how many of my friends saw that picture. Well in the summer of 1945 my orders to Medical School arrived. I scurried to my ward



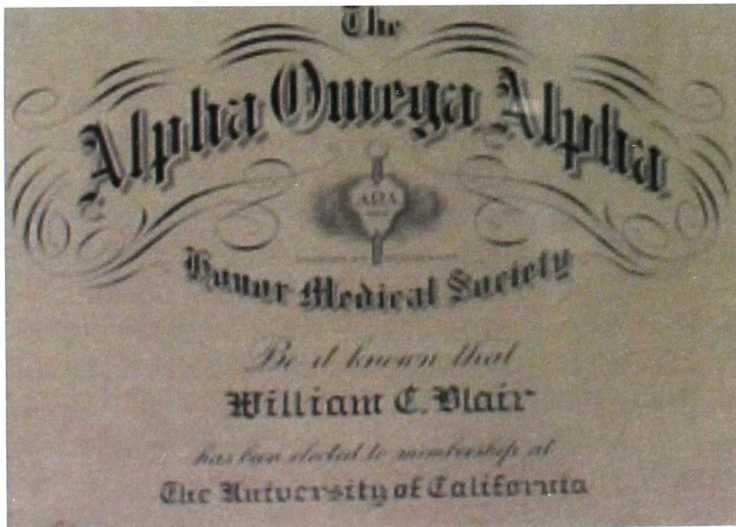
Short and tall Hospital Corpsmen
US Naval Hospital, San Diego, 1945

medical officer with the good news. When he asked which school I was going to, I said the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa AL. He paused, then said he had never heard of it, which caused me some concern. Turned out Univ. of Alabama had an excellent medical school, but it was only the first 2 of the 4 years of medical school, and each student following completion of the first 2 years had to transfer to a 4 year school to complete their medical school education. Probably the most worrisome thing of all was the Navy required us to have a physical exam. before returning to the V-12 program. Well the Navy Doctor in charge of the Ph. Exam saw me, and in a loud voice, said watch this one, he is too tall. I could not believe that my height of 6 ft. 7 inches was going to keep me from finishing medical school, and in wartime only our Lord knows where I would be sent. The Navy height limit was 6 ft. 4 inches. Well very fortunate for me, this Navy doctor was not around when a corpsman measured me. I had scrunched down so as to be 6 ft 4. The corpsman said "What is the matter with you, can't you stand up straight". I explained I could not be taller than 6 ft 4, and praise the Lord, he marked my height as 6 ft 4 in, and no one in the Navy ever mentioned it again. He asked me to say "I must have grown" if anyone mentioned it. We traveled from San Diego to Alabama on a troop train, and upon arriving at Tuscaloosa asked where the Navy was located, as our orders directed us to report to the Navy there. Well we were informed there was no Navy in

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Tuscaloosa. As it turned out the Navy officer in charge of us was in Birmingham, and we were remarkably free from Navy supervision. Although required to wear our uniforms, someone came to check us out and deliver our paychecks only every 2 weeks. Life in Tuscaloosa was very pleasant. We worked hard with subjects including anatomy, physiology and biochemistry and physical diagnosis. It being War time, and with the knowledge that 50 percent of our class would fail and be terminated by the end of the 2nd year, I was highly motivated to do well, so was really extremely focused on studying. While in Tuscaloosa, I shared a room in a medical fraternity house with my friend Richard Koons, and we ate in a nearby boarding house. The campus of the University in those war time days was predominately women except for a superb football team "The Crimson Tide", and male Medical Students. The World War II, and hence V-12 ended when I finished my 2nd year at Alabama, at which time I transferred to the Univ. of California Medical School in San Francisco where I completed the final 2 years. The final 2 years is almost entirely clinically oriented, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Upon receiving my M.D. degree, June 17, 1948, I was elected to the Honor Medical Society, AOA, (Alpha Omega Alpha), which is the Phi Beta Kappa of Medicine. Only 3 in my class of about 75 were so honored, I am so proud of this achievement, and praise the Lord for giving me the motivation, strength and perseverance to accomplish it. Costs of attending the University of California have certainly changed. When I started in Berkeley, it cost only \$30.00 per semester, and that was for care at the Student Health Service (of course room, board and books were in addition). Very fortunately for me, and my parents, the Navy and then the GI Bill paid for all of my pre-medical training, (except for the first 3 semesters) as well as all of my medical school expenses.



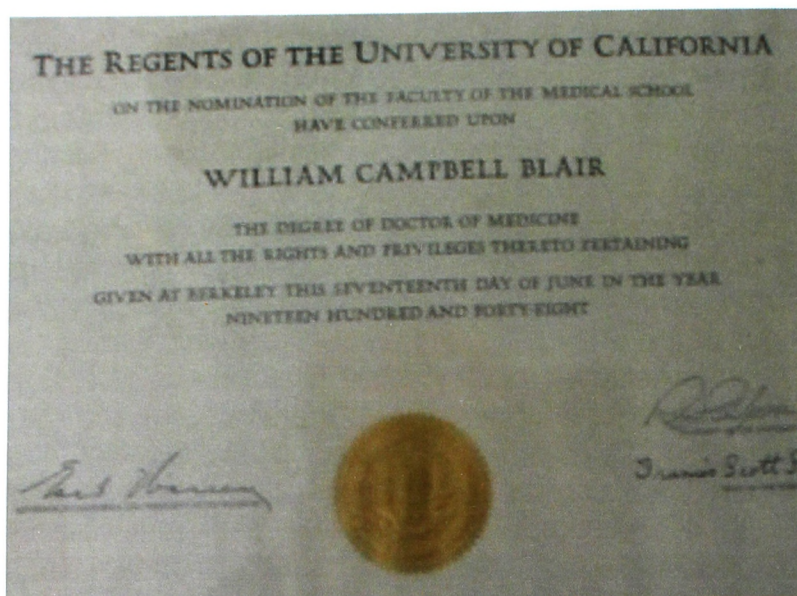
Bill's AOA Certificate



My Alpha Omega
Alpha Honor Medical
Society Key

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Bill's M.D. Degree, UCSF 1948



Bill, in graduation robe to receive his MD degree 17 June, 1948. Taken at entrance to his family home at 280 Stonewall Rd., Berkeley

POST GRADUATE PEDIATRIC TRAINING:

I had applied and been accepted into a rotating medical internship at the S.F. County Hospital, with the additional request that I desired to follow that with a pediatric internship. A few weeks before starting my rotating internship July 1, 1948, I was informed a pediatric internship had opened up at the U. C. Hospital in S.F., and knowing I wanted to pursue pediatric training, I accepted it. The first month was at the S.F. Children's Hospital on their polio ward, with very sick children some dying, some being treated in iron lungs, and suffering various amounts of paralysis, this became a very dramatic start for me. The following year, July 1949 through June 1950 I was an assistant resident in pediatrics at U.C. Hospital. Following that I was Assistant Chief Resident in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, from July 1 1950 through June of 1951, which was a part of the University of Pennsylvania's Medical School program. These were 3 intense years of long hours and hard work, with an opportunity to learn to deal with all types of pediatric problems under the supervision of marvelous teachers. What a golden opportunity. Following Philadelphia Children's Hospital, I had applied to and been accepted for the position of Chief Pediatric Resident, Children's Hospital, Oakland. However, I was unable to accept this assignment, for the Korean War was now underway, and the Navy had other plans for me.

NAVY MEDICAL OFFICER:

During the Korean War, my first assignment as a Medical Officer was a delightful one. I was assigned duty at the Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey, where I was the pediatrician at their medical clinic, which was located at the Monterey Airport. The Navy had taken over the Del Monte Hotel, and I was provided with a very nice room there, and we ate in their elegant dining room, and frequently swam

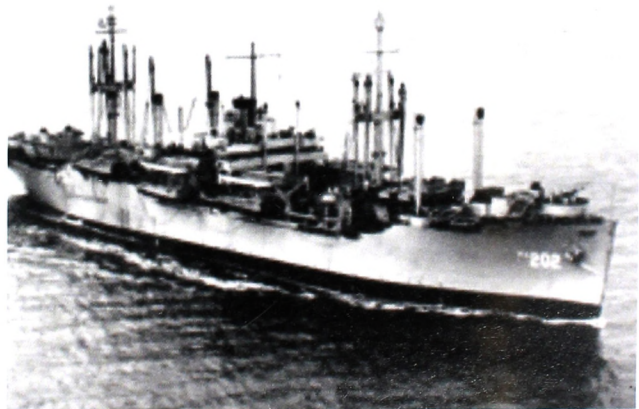
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Lieutenant, (MC) USNR 1953



in the Del Monte swimming pool where we had a poolside lunch. Our Senior Medical Officer loved to swim, and saw to it that we could have a two hour lunch period. About 6 months later, and for the next year and a half I was the medical officer of the U.S.S. Menifee, APA 202. The Menifee was an attack transport. We could carry a battalion of Marines for amphibious landings, and the ship had an excellent sick bay. I soon found out why the Navy had a height limit of 6 ft. 4 inches. The ceiling in the sick bay area was 6 ft 4, so I could not stand up fully straight, also my bed was short, so I could not stretch out fully. I quickly adjusted to these difficulties, and also learned to duck my head going through doorways. Being the only physician, sometimes at sea for weeks at a time, away from other medical assistance, gave me a great deal of confidence that I could handle most any medical situation. Not being a surgeon, I was apprehensive that I might find myself handling a lot of combat casualties after an amphibious assault. I was told they would send us a surgical



USS Menifee, APA 202

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MY NAVY SERVICE MEDALS

Top row: WWII; American Service:
Korean War; Korean War; 20 years
Naval Reserve.

Bottom Row: National Defense: 10
years Naval Reserve.

team at such a time, but I wondered if they would arrive when needed. Fortunately, we did not receive combat casualties during my stay aboard. A dramatic happening soon after I arrived on the ship gave the crew confidence I could handle things. During an amphibious landing, a sailor went down the side of the ship on a rope ladder, and because there were large waves at the time, got crushed between the side of our ship and a landing craft he was trying to get into. This caused him to have a dramatic injury, which was seen by many of our crew, in which his abdomen was torn open, and his intestine and lots of blood was seen by many of the ship's crew. He was hauled up to the deck on ropes, with many of the crew watching. In our operating room I put his intestine back, and sewed up his abdomen. Being young (17) and healthy, he improved dramatically, and was up and about and eating a few days later. Another dramatic incident was one night while in Inchon Harbor, a nearby ship, a freighter, by radio, asked if we had a doctor on board. I was dispatched, down the rope ladder to a small boat. Upon arrival, found many members of the freighter's crew had been drinking, and had had a fight. I sent for my corpsmen, and we spent the rest of the night sewing up their many lacerations. Another interesting time was at the end of the War, we carried a group of Indian Troops from Japan To Korea to man the neutral zone between North and South Korea. One interesting thing was that many of them came by sick bay pointing at their ears. I believe they were hoping to get out of shipboard work details, as nothing seemed wrong with them. Also, they were not used to using toilets, and instead went to the bathroom squatting in the showers. Lovely! All in all a great experience which I am glad I had. I boarded my ship in Honolulu, and we sailed about the Pacific, twice to Hong Kong, once to the Philippine Islands, and to various ports in Japan and South Korea, where we accomplished many training amphibious landings. For a time we came to the San Diego area, and one morning while anchored off Coronado, I went ashore in a landing craft in order to take the Specialty Board

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At the time that my tour on the Menifee was over, we were in Japan. I was offered air transportation home, but never having flown in an airplane, I requested, and was granted sea transportation home. I had a good trip home on the heavy cruiser USS Helena, where I had no responsibilities and I had a very pleasant stopover in Honolulu. I was separated from active duty in the Navy in 1954 at Treasure Island. While there I met a surgeon, Dr. Bob Jamplis, who was also completing his active duty time. He had so many wonderful things to say about the Palo Alto Medical Clinic, where he was about to begin his practice, that I visited them to check it out. Unfortunately at that time they did not need another pediatrician. I remained on inactive duty in the Naval Reserve, annually taking Correspondence Courses to earn required points, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, and finally discharged from the United States Navy at age 60 on April 13, 1985. with the rank of LCDR, MC, USNR. Thereafter I received a retirement check monthly of nearly \$1,000. which came in handy.

PEDIATRIC PRACTICE:

In late 1954 at age 29 years, following my tour of duty during the Korean War as a ship's Medical Officer, and following a wonderful vacation trip to Europe with S.T.O.P, (Student Travel Overseas Program) visiting Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy, I joined Dr. Frank Ruhstaller a pediatrician whom I had been a pediatric resident with at UCSF, in his pediatric office in Stockton. I was able to get a good pediatric practice going, and no doubt would have stayed there had not Dr. Esther Clark, then Chief of Pediatrics at the Palo Alto Medical Clinic telephoned me about 1 year later asking if I was still interested in coming to the Palo Alto Clinic. I assured her I was very



CERTIFICATE OF RETIREMENT FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WILLIAM C. BLAIR
MEDICAL CORPS
U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

HAVING SERVED FAITHFULLY AND HONORABLY
WAS RETIRED FROM THE
UNITED STATES NAVY

ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE



William P. Jamplis
V. S. ADJUTANT, UNITED STATES NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

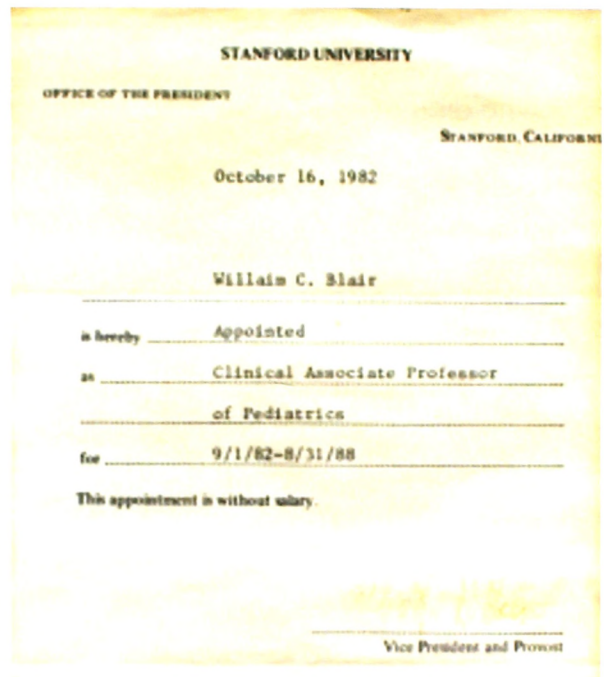
RETIREMENT FROM NAVAL RESERVE

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interested. My interview with them happened to be just a few days before the "Big Game", the annual football game between UC Berkeley and Stanford. Well at lunch in the Clinic Club where I met most of the Palo Alto Clinic physicians, many of whom had attended Stanford, there were so many negative comments expressed about UC, (part of the annual football rivalry between UC Berkeley and Stanford at Big Game Time), that I left feeling I did not have a chance of being accepted. However, I was asked to join them, and practiced pediatrics at the Palo Alto Clinic for the next 50 years, until I was 80 years of age. This was an ideal location with a marvelous group of physicians. I was so fortunate to be selected for this position. During that time we all did some teaching at Stanford Medical School, and I ultimately became a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford.

I was also a member of the Stanford University Hospital Medical Staff (Pediatrics 1955 until 1990). In addition, I also served 2 years as Chief of the Community Pediatricians at the Stanford University Hospital. I found pediatric practice to be extremely interesting and rewarding. I truly enjoyed working with children and their families. Pediatric practice is a full time effort requiring many hours of work with many house calls, and frequent telephone calls in the middle of the night. We had the privilege and opportunity of getting to know the children and their families extremely well, to watch and guide them as they grew and developed, and to help them in times of need. I can not imagine anything I would rather have done. I was a member of that group for the next 50 years, not retiring fully from practice until age 80 years.



Bill as Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Stanford University

At the Palo Alto Clinic, we had a wonderful opportunity to take sabbatical leaves, either 3 months every 3-4 years or 6 months every 7 years. On one of these, we drove with our 2 young sons to Boston, where at the Boston Children's Hospital, part of Harvard Medical School, I took a Fellowship in Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics with Dr. Mel Levine. Following that I spent parts of several sabbatical leaves with Dr. Levine at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where he had moved. This enabled me to develop a sub specialty interest in the evaluation and management of children with Attention Deficit problems, and other types of learning disorders. Because of this, I was able to continue on at the Palo Alto Clinic on a part time basis following retirement from the Palo Alto Medical Clinic partnership at age

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65 performing assessments and follow ups of school aged children with learning disabilities and or attention problems I also worked at the Navy Medical Clinic Moffett Field CA. as their Senior Pediatrician from 1990 until the Base closed in 1999. Another very enjoyable sabbatical leave was spent in London in 1977 at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. This provided me with a wonderful review, and was greatly enjoyed. I went to London alone, and Sherry and the boys followed when school was out.

MARRIAGE TO SHARON RACINE:

On a vacation trip to Hawaii in 1959 while traveling on the ship "Lurline" to visit my sister Jeannette, who was a Navy wife then living in Hawaii, I met a wonderful girl name Sharon Racine, who lived with her family in Atherton, only a mile or two from where I lived. Sherry was the daughter of William Edward Racine b.18 Nov. 1915 who died at age 67, 10 Aug. 1981.and Dorothy Reynolds born 18 Feb. 1915 who died at age 68, 7 Nov. 1983. Sherry attended Pomona College and the University of California, Berkeley. Upon returning home, we started dating, and were married at the Woodside Village Church, January 30, 1960. I was 34 and she was 19. We were delighted with the arrival of our first son Robert 9 1/2 months later on Nov. 15, 1960, and by our second son Scott, Feb. 19, 1963. We were blessed with 2 wonderful sons, and I am so proud of them both. We quickly grew out of my small Menlo Park apartment, and purchased our home at 1550 Bay Laurel Dr. in Menlo Park. It was a marvelous 3 bedroom ranch style home in a lovely residential area with a very nice garden. A few years later we moved to a larger home at 4 White Oak Court, only 4-5 blocks away. We had a wonderful life together despite some



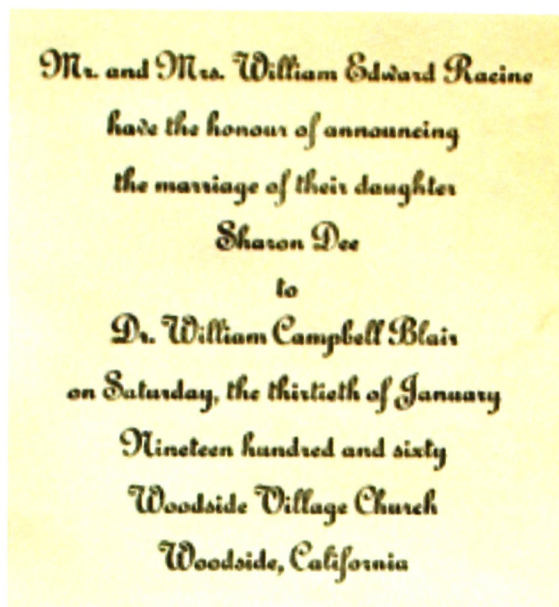
Bill and Sherry's wedding, Woodside Village Church, 30 Jan., 1960



Bill and Sherry, Honeymoon in Arizona

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significant health problems Sherry had. She returned to Stanford where in 1977 she received her Masters Degree in Education and shortly thereafter, to my dismay and surprise, she announced she was leaving us and moving to Carmel, where she taught P.E. (tennis) at Santa Catalina School. Sadly, we became separated in 1977, followed by our divorce. This proved to be a very challenging time for me with two high school sons to look after and a very time demanding pediatric practice. To help out, we hired a German lady to live in our home.

MARRIAGE TO ELIZABETH ANN McCREARY READY:

After about 3 or 4 years following my divorce from Sharon, the most amazing and totally unexpected thing happened. Standing in line just behind me while I was introducing my Mother to our senior pastor Walter Gerber following a service at the M.P. Presbyterian Church was Marilyn McCreary Chaukley, who overheard me introducing my Mother, Eleanor Blair. She recognized us as long time family friends. Shortly thereafter Marilyn notified her sister Betty Ann McCreary Ready that she had met me and learned that I was now single. My parents and the McCreary's had been good friends in Berkeley for many years, and Betty Ann and I had been friends and classmates in Jr. High School, and at Berkeley High, and at the University of California, Berkeley class of 1946. So, Betty and I were good friends and had many friends in common. I had been to parties at her home, and she had ridden with me in my car many times. At Cal she was President of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi. After College, our lives took different courses, she married Ralph Ready, and I went on to Medical School. Her husband died following a heart attack. Well, Betty telephoned me, apparently 4 times when I was not at home, and very fortunately on the very last attempt she was going to make to contact me I answered. Betty invited me to a dance (a San Mateo dinner/dance group she was President of), and thereafter we

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*Bill and Betty's Wedding, Menlo Park
Presbyterian Church, April 2, 1983. Left to right:
Harriet Webster, Eleanor Blair, Bill, Betty, Jeannette
Doyle, Jim Doyle, and Scott Blair. (Bob was away in
college in Arizona*



Bill and Betty's wedding
April 2, 1983

Elizabeth McCreary Ready
and
Dr. William Campbell Blair
announce their marriage
on Saturday, the second of April
Nineteen hundred and eighty-three
Menlo Park Presbyterian Church
Menlo Park, California

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had a great time renewing our friendship, which led to our marriage April 2, 1983. the happiest 26 years of my life. She was truly the "love of my life". We had such a wonderful life together. Betty loved playing the piano, sewing, knitting, quilting, cooking and traveling. She was witty, generous, caring and had a fine subtle sense of humor, and was the mother of 3 fine children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. We had many interests in common including traveling, family life, gardening, and our Scottish heritage. Betty died at the age of 83, Feb. 8, 2008 following a valiant struggle with esophageal cancer. I miss her terribly, think of her frequently, but know that she is at peace with the Lord.



Wedding Day, Bill and Betty



Betty Blair

Following Betty's death I lived alone in my home for a year, and was seriously considering moving to a retirement community such as the Sequoias in Portola Valley or the Vi in Palo Alto. However, thankfully another wonderful thing happened in my life. In 2009 my son Scott, his wife Laura and their daughter, my granddaughter Jennifer all moved in with me. It is so great to have them here—another blessing the Lord has bestowed upon me. I am so glad I am able to stay in my own home with them.

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MY FAMILY:

I was truly blessed by having a wonderful, loving, caring family. I am so very proud of my sons Bob and Scott, my granddaughters Holly and Jennifer, and my two great grand children, Bradley and Hannah Brown, and of course of my parents and my sister Jeannette Blair Doyle.



My first Son Bob, age 13 months
Christmas 1961



*Eleanor Blair, my mother,
Jeannette Doyle, my sister
and myself at 401 Olive St.
Menlo Park*



*3 generations of Blairs: sons
Scott and Bob, my father
Rochelle and myself*

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My sister's wedding June 1946, Annapolis, MD, on her husband James Doyle's graduation day from the Naval Academy. Bill, my dad Rochelle, my mother Eleanor, my sister Jeannette, and my bro. in law James Doyle



Betty wearing McQuarrie Kilt, Bill in modern Blair kilt, holding my 1st grand daughter, Holly,

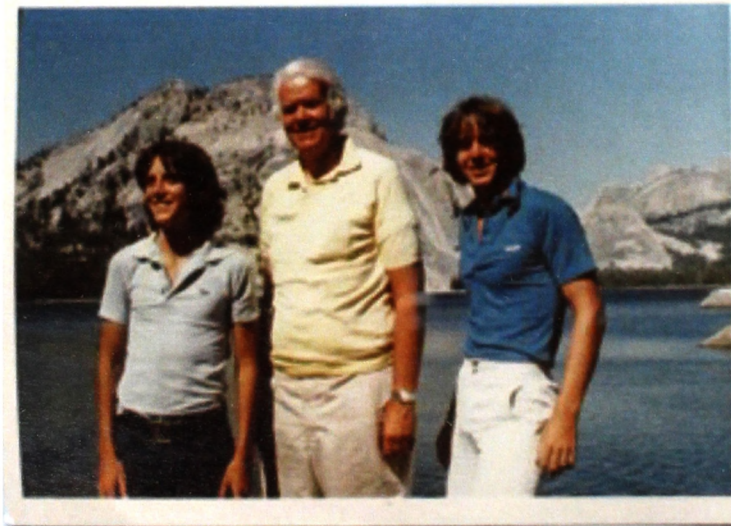


Scott and Bob

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Bob and Scott



Scott, Dad, and Bob, Tenaya Lake
Yosemite Nat. Park, Aug. 1978

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*Bill, Bob, and Scott, top of
Echo Peak, above Angora*



Bill, Bob and Scott
Backpacking, Cathedral Lake, Cathedral
Peak in background, Yosemite Nat. Park
1978

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My son Bob.
Captain, USAF
F-16 Fighter Pilot

VACATIONS:



Bob's graduation Menlo Atherton
High School, June 15, 1979



Granddaughter Holly's
wedding to Nathan Brown

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Granddaughter Holly, her husband Nathan Brown, and my great grandson Bradley Brown, 2011



Son Scott, granddaughter Jennifer, and dau-in-law Laura, 2011

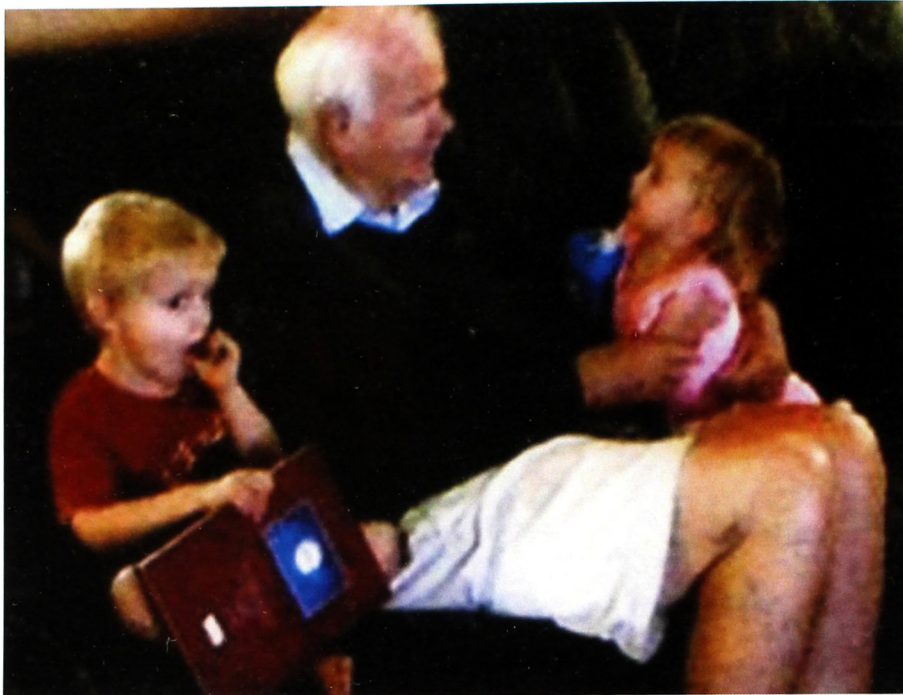


My granddaughters Holly (left) and Jennifer, (right), 2009



My granddaughter Jennifer Blair Graduating from High School 2013

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Bill proudly holding his two great grand children, Bradley and Hannah Brown, ages 4 and 2, at their home in Morro Bay CA. Nov. 2014

Some of our **VACATIONS** have included:

CARMEL: Several times each year we have visited beautiful Carmel, only about a 2 hour drive from home. We often stayed at the Normandie Inn, located on Ocean Ave. with easy walking distance to quaint downtown Carmel, shops, restaurants, and the beach. Walking around Point Lobos was one of our favorite activities there, and I loved watching the porpoises swimming and playing in the ocean, often upside down holding things in their arms.



Carmel Beach looking toward Point Lobos.

YOSEMITE: At least once yearly we visited Yosemite. Our favorite time of the year there was May, when the Falls were full from

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snow runoff, the dogwood was in bloom, and before the summer crowds arrived. Such a beautiful place.



Betty and Bill,



*Glacier Point with Half Dome and
Clouds Rest.*

*Bill, Sally Young, Sally's sister Ann
and her husband Bill Teachout*

ANGORA LAKE: In the late 1960's we vacationed at the Stanford Sierra Camp on Fallen Leaf Lake (near South Lake Tahoe) for a couple of summers. While there we hiked one day to Angora Lake, and found it to be so attractive, that virtually every summer since then we have spent 1 week at Angora, usually the first week of August. It is a beautiful pristine relatively small lake, about a half mile across, with a lovely sandy beach, surrounded on 3 sides by trees, and the 4th side by the steep granite slope of Echo Peak. The lake is at 7,400 feet altitude, and Echo Peak is approximately 9,000 ft. The lake was formed by a glacier that ground out a glacial

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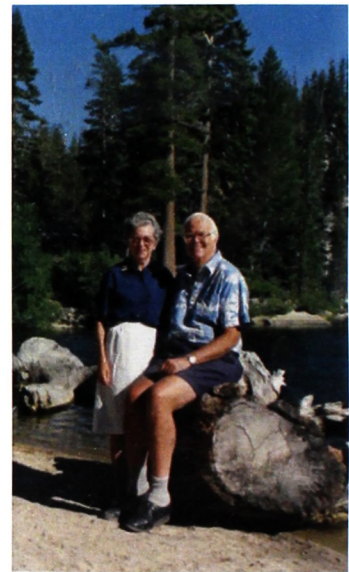
cirque at the foot of Echo Peak. There are about 7 rental cabins at Angora, and pretty much the same people go the same week yearly, so become good friends. Hiking, swimming, sailing, and just relaxing fill our week there. It is a beautiful, restful, pristine wilderness, without cars, TV's etc. I feel like I am in a remote area of the Swiss Alps while there. Angora is reached by a one way road from Fallenleaf Lake with a parking lot about 1 mile from Angora Lake. The Hildinger's who manage Angora drive you in and out at the beginning and end of your stay on a very and steep narrow road, over which the public can not drive. Day visitors must hike in from the parking area. This is a wonderful place away from civilization which can be enjoyed by families of all ages



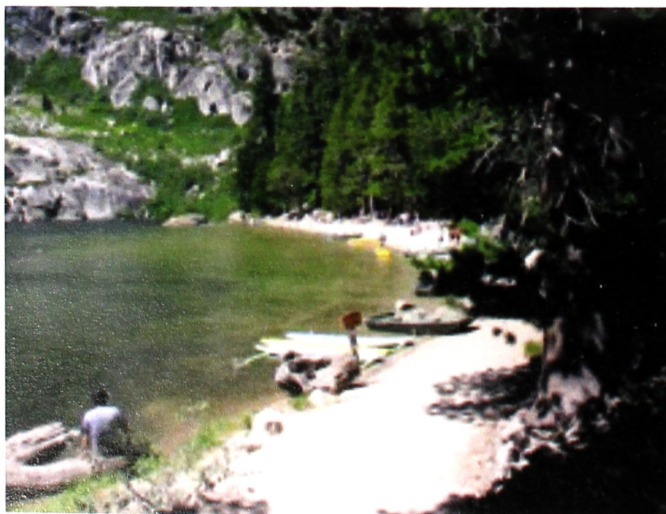
Our sailboat, Angora Lake



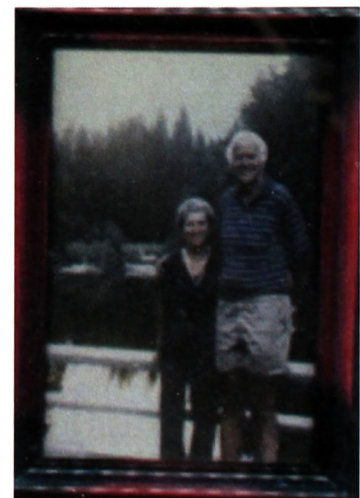
Angora Lake



Betty and Bill, Angora Lake



Beach, Angora Lake



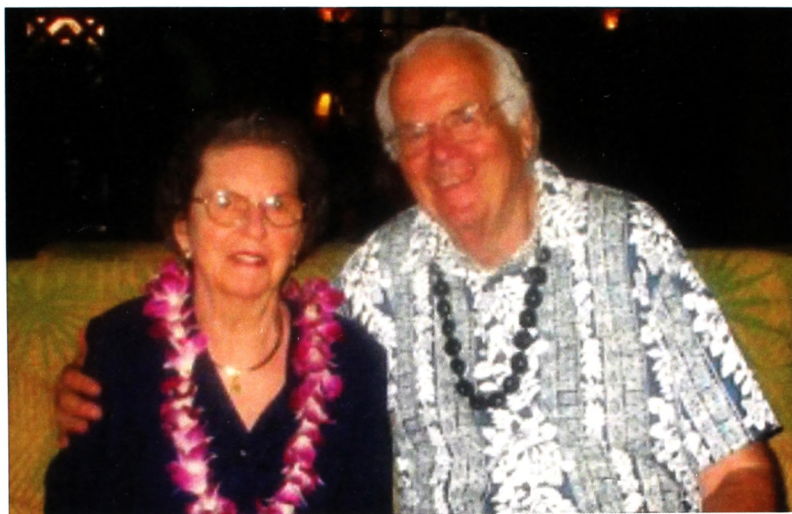
Betty and Bill Lower
Angora Lake

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OTHER TRIPS HAWAII AND EUROPE:

We have been so fortunate in being able to travel. We had 3 month sabbatical leaves from the Palo Alto Medical Clinic allowing us to spend extended visits to Boston (Boston Childrens Hospital), also 3 months at the Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC., 3 months in London at the Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital, plus several trips to France, Italy, Austria The Netherlands Sweden and Norway. Also 3 or 4 trips to Scotland. All greatly enjoyed.



Betty and Bill in Hawaii
Kauai was our favorite island



Betty and Bill, Hallstatt, Austria, 1984

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Betty and Bill: Loch Lomond, Scotland with Ben Lomand behind.



Bill and Betty in Venice

SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:

ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO:

grandfather perked my interest in our Blair Scottish heritage, and while visiting in Scotland in 1987, I bought my first kilt. (I saw a young man go into a store in Pitlochry, where he purchased a kilt, and walked out onto the street wearing it). I figured if he could do it, I could also). That led to my joining the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco, a charitable organization to assist Scots in need, and to provide scholarships. This was my first non medically oriented activity, and I enjoyed it immensely. I served as President of the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco for 2 years beginning in 1998, followed by 11 years on its Board as a Trustee.



Inscribed: Dr. William C. Blair
President and Trustee
St. Andrews Society of San Francisco



Badge of Past
President
St. Andrews Soc. of
San Francisco

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Bill as President of St. Andrews Society of S.F. Wearing President's collar and holding Gold Headed Cane of office, 1997.



Lord Lyon Collar with St. Andrew under the Crown of Scotland suspended from it



Bill presenting Collar to the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland



Officers of Arms, Lord Lyon Court

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A particularly high point for me was the opportunity as immediate past president, to represent the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco in Scotland, where I presented a Collar of Thistles to the Lord Lyon King of Arms, Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight in Edinburgh, Scotland, December 4, 1998, in the presence of the Officers of Arms of the Lyon Court, who were wearing their tabards and carrying batons. It was a most impressive occasion. Betty and I thoroughly enjoyed this.

I gave the following speech:

"My Lord, and distinguished Guests: This beautiful gold Collar of Scottish design, fashioned of thistles and rue, is a gift of 40 St. Andrews Societies from around the World to the Scottish people to their Sovereign, and to her Lord Lyon King of Arms to be worn by him and his successors upon state occasions for all time to come. Each of the 40 individual links is engraved with the donor Society's name. Suspended from the chain is the oval pendant of St. Andrew under the Crown of Scotland. It bears the simple inscription, "The gift of St. Andrews Societies of the World to Her Majesty the Queen, her Lord Lyon and the Scottish People, Gens una sumus (We are one people), 1998. We know in times past the Lyon wore a Scottish Collar like this of thistles and rue. We know, too, after the middle of the 18th century, that unhappy and difficult time, it vanished from the scene. An English Collar of ESSES was substituted for the Scottish one, a Collar identical to those worn by the English Kings of Arms, and this English chain has been worn by Lyon to this day. But only to this day, for today that is put right, and we are honored to present Lyon with a proper Scottish Collar fashioned of thistles and rue.

This project to provide Lyon with a proper Scottish Collar has been coordinated by the St. Andrews Society of San Francisco and carried to completion by the persistent efforts of one person, Mark Dennis, Advocate, a member of the San Francisco St. Andrews Society, now living in St. Andrews Scotland. And now, my Lord, on behalf of the donor St. Andrews Societies around the World, and in the presence of representatives from a number of these St. Andrews Societies, Officers of Arms and these distinguished guests, I am deeply honored to present to you and your successors as Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland this exquisite St. Andrew's Collar".

CLAN BLAIR SOCIETY:

I joined the Clan Blair Society in 1989, the first non-medical activity of my adult life, and have greatly enjoyed the opportunity of making many new friends, and learning about my Scottish heritage. I served as its President for 6 years from 1996-2002 and for the following 11 years served on its Board of Directors. For the past 25 years I served as its Northern California Commissioner, hosting our Clan Blair tent at various Scottish Festivals and Games in California, Arizona, Colorado and Hawaii.

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Bill with Clan Blair Tent



BEST CLAN TENT AWARD
Loch Prado Scottish Games, 1991
William C. Blair, M.D. Clan Blair



Badge, President Clan
Blair Society



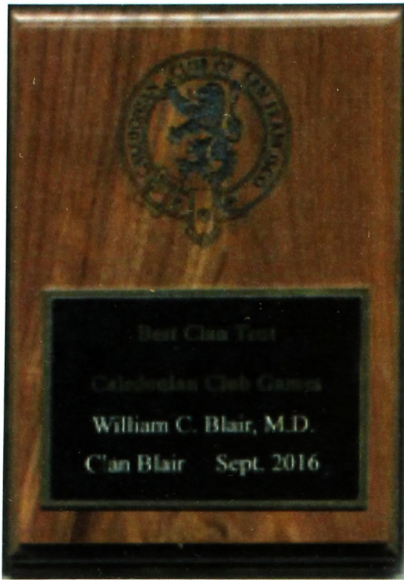
For 6 years as President, Clan Blair Society



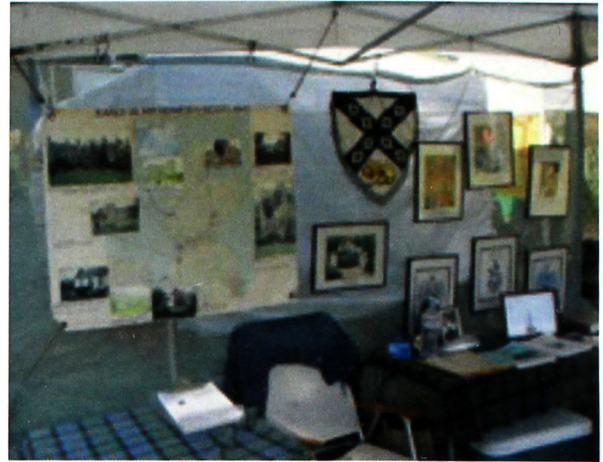
Clan Blair Tent, Scottish
Games, Pleasanton, Sept. 2016
Bill holding the Best Clan Tent trophy

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**BEST CLAN TENT
Trophy, awarded to
Clan Blair, Scottish
Games, Pleasanton
Sept. 2016**



**Clan Blair Tent, Pleasanton
2016**



Bill's individual Coat of Arms from the Scotland's Lord Lyon King of Arms, on vellum

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ARMIGER: I matriculated my own individual Arms with Scotland's Lord Lyon King of Arms. My own Arms differ from the Chief of the Blair of Blair Arms in several respects. My motto is Amamus Probos (I love the virtuous) instead of the Blair of Blair Arms which is Amo Probos, (We love virtuous).

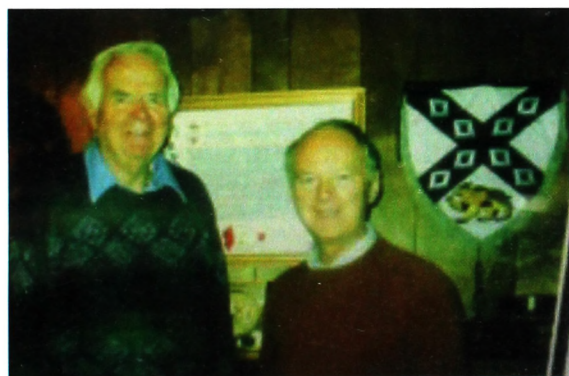
Also, the stag in my Arms has his head turned around instead of straight forward, and I have added a grizzly bear in the base. These arms can be inherited by my descendants.



Eagle Feather of an Armiger
in my Scottish bonnet



Banner depicting my own Coat of Arms



Bill with Scotland's Lord Lyon King of Arms
Robin Blair in my den at 401 Olive St. Menlo
Park with banner depicting my Arms

RETIREMENT:

Following my retirement at age 80 from 50 years of pediatric practice at the Palo Alto Medical Clinic, in 2005, and especially following Betty's death Feb. 8, 2008, I have been quite active with various activities including the Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park, where I have participated in many of its charitable activities, including feeding many needy at St. Anthony's, and currently am the Club Treasurer and member of its Board of Directors. I have just completed serving as President of the Retired Doctors of the Palo Alto Clinic, as well as President of our neighborhood Avenidas, Village group, the Menlo-Atherton Villagers. I am continuing work on my genealogy and family history, also taking courses sponsored by Stanford Singles, attend several Bible Study Groups, still attend Pediatric Grand Rounds at Stanford's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and once a week have lunch with some of my

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Phi Kap fraternity brothers, U.C. Berkeley Class of 1946, each Friday at the Moraga Country Club, which I enjoy very much. Sadly we are down to a group of only 3 now. RETIREMENT IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF LIFE WHICH I AM ENJOYING FULLY, with the exception of missing my wife Betty who was truly an angel, and my very BEST FRIEND. I have been blessed with good health for one 90 years of age.

MY 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:



Left to right: Family members present include: Brown Family (Nathan, Holly, Hanna, and Bradley); Kral Family (Carol, Ed, and Dylan); John Carlyle; Barbara Brandes; Deauville Family (Mary, Lindsey, Robert, Michael and Katie); Bill, Jennifer, Bob and Scott Blair; and Christine and Eric Addicot.



4 generations: Bill, son Bob, Gr. dau. Holly with Gt. grand children Hannah and Bradley Brown, son Scott, and granddaughter Jennifer.



Bill's 90th birthday

CHAPTER 2

EARLY HISTORY OF THE BLAIR FAMILY IN SCOTLAND AND OF MIGRATION OF SOME TO IRELAND



Chapter 2 begins with a review of some interesting and important historical information regarding the rich heritage of our ancient Blair Family in Scotland, with particular emphasis on the Blair's of southwest Scotland, the area in Scotland closest to Ireland, from which most of the Scots emigrating to Co. Antrim Ireland in the 1600's lived, and where Blair House, the home of the Blairs of that ilk (Blairs of Blair) lived.

In Chapter 3, I will provide genealogical information regarding my Blair ancestral line, beginning with our immigrant Blair ancestors, my 4th great grand parents James and Mary Harper Blair. Despite intensive efforts to do so, I have not been able to obtain definite information earlier than that. Hopefully with continued research, we will one day be able to trace our Blair ancestry back to Scotland. Hopefully future DNA results will assist with this.

ORIGIN OF THE BLAIR SURNAME:

The Gaelic name of BLAIR is territorial in origin, indicating a field, or clearing in the woods, or possibly a battlefield. Hence it has been used in a number of locations, for example, Blairgowrie, (gowrie means goats, so Blairgowrie signifies a field of goats), Blairquhan, and Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, Blair Dunskey etc.

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BLAIR HOUSE, DALRY, AYRSHIRE
Bill and Betty Blair near main door

THE FIRST KNOWN USE OF THE SURNAME BLAIR: Timothy Pont in 1604 wrote a book "Cunninghame" ¹ in which he refers to records then in existence in the Monastery of Kilwinning, (records which since have been lost). Pont (Ref. 1) states a Norman named Jean Francois, (John Francis), was awarded the Barony of Blair (Blare) by King William I of Scots (the Lion) late in the 12th Century. In those days the Scottish King was awarding land to Normans to encourage them to settle in the Scottish Lowlands in return for their promise to support the King, including in battle when necessary. John Francis's son or grandson was named William de Blair (Blare), dropping the surname of Francis. De refers to "of", of the Barony of Blair. **His was the first known use of the Blair surname.** Initially Blair was spelled Blare, but over the following 200 years gradually changed to Blair. Today, we know of no one using the Blare spelling.

BLAIR HOUSE, was the home of the descendants of John Francis who were located at the Barony of Blair. His descendants became the Lords or Barons of the Barony of Blair, and as the Chiefs of Blair of Blair, (also known as Blair of that Ilk). Present day Blair House is located on an estate of 1,265 acres. It is a magnificent large home of 14 bedrooms surrounded by beautiful policies (gardens) which are open to the public. Blair House is located about 25 miles Southwest of Glasgow, on the east side of Dalry. **People with the surname Blair have lived**

¹ Timothy Pont, 1604-1608, a descriptive survey of prominent Ayrshire sites, ed. by John Shedden Dobie, publ. by John Tweed, Glasgow 1876.

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at Blair House for 28 successive generations. This remarkable long surname record of unbroken succession is unique in Ayrshire, and rare in Scotland or anywhere else. It is particularly remarkable that 28 successive generations of Blairs lived at Blair House considering the turbulent history of Scotland over the centuries, with its wars and feuds. During the first 200 years of this period (1200-1400) the Cunningham's were the predominate family in this region (headed by the Earl of Ellington). In about 1400, The Montgomery's came into the area, and for the next 150 years there was frequent feuding between the Cunningham's and Boyd's on one side, and the Montgomery's and Stewarts on the other side, with burning of each other's castles, murders etc. Somehow the Blair's stayed clear of this feuding and continued to intermarry with the best families of the area.

In 2012 Blair House was sold for the first time in its 850 year history so is no longer in the Blair family. It was purchased by Scotland's Energy Minister, Charles Hendry for about 8 million pounds. The original building at Blair in the late 1100's was a wooden fortress. Timothy Pont indicates that by 1202-1205, a stone Norman Keep was in existence, which was surrounded by a moat with a drawbridge, and above the drawbridge was an arched gateway over which presided the effigy carved in stone of a stag lodged proper as is depicted on the Blair of Blair Coat of Arms, and Crest Badge. On the east side of the building was a large stone wall enclosure (no longer present) where in times of trouble cattle and dependents of the Baron Blair were yarded up for safety. On a nearby ridge "The Gallows Hill", the Moot Hill of the Barony of Blair, was the location where the Baron Blair carried out his duties of police jurisdiction and punishment for his Barony.

Over the centuries there have been three significant additions and various modernization projects of Blair House, however the original stone keep remains in the core of the building, with its separate entrance, guard room, large fireplace, arched stone ceiling, and stone walls.

Blair House was originally called Blair Castle, but to avoid confusion with the well known Blair Castle at Blair Atholl near Pitlochry, is now called Blair House. (It is important for Blair's to know that the frequently visited Blair Castle in Blair Atholl is the seat of the Duke of Atholl, Chief of Clan Murray, and has never been part of the Blair family). The name Blair Castle is another example of Blair being used as a territorial rather than a family name.

CADET BRANCHES OF BLAIR OF BLAIR INCLUDE:BLAIRQUHAN, home of the Hunter Blair's located near Portpatrick. Scotland.



Blairquhan, with Bill
in foreground

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SOME EARLY MARRIAGES OF THE BLAIR OF BLAIRS:

During the first 400 years at Blair, the eldest son intermarried with all the most prominent families of Ayrshire, including: Montgomerie, Cunningham, Campbell, Boyd, Kennedy, Wallace, Stuart, Hamilton and Sample.

SOME EARLY BLAIR OF BLAIR DESCENDANTS: The grant of the Barony of Blair to John Francis, brought considerable prestige and honor to the Blair of Blair Family.

The following were early important Blair of Blair family descendants, (for a complete genealogy of Blair of Blair see Ref. 3 on Page 41).

The grandson of John Francis, named William de Blair, born about 1185 (he had given up the surname Francis), is said to have married a daughter of King John 1st.

Their son Bryce de Blair, born about 1225 was a famous Baron Patriot who identified himself with Sir William Wallace in the strong Scottish Independent Movement from Edward 1st. of England. He was knighted by Wallace, becoming Sir Bryce Blair. Unfortunately, Bryce Blair along with the other leading Ayrshire Barons, (including Crawford, Montgomery, Wallace, Kennedy, Campbell, Boyd and Stewart) were all murdered in the Barns of Ayr. Under pretext of holding a Court of Justice, England held a Court of Execution killing them all. England did this in an attempt to nip the Scottish Independence Movement in the bud, but their attempt backfired, and actually intensified it.

Next, Bryce's brother Roger de Blair, became Lord of Blair, and was knighted by King Robert the Bruce for his actions before and during Bannockburn in 1314. Sir Roger de Blair married a sister of the wife of King David II, hence was a brother-in-law of King David. (King David was a son of Robert the Bruce). Above the front door of Blair House is a cement plaque engraved "Roger de Blair and his spouse Mary Muir of the Rowallen Family".

Another high point in the Blair Family at Blair House occurred when William Blair of Blair in 1624 married Lady Margaret Hamilton, daughter of the 2nd Duke of Hamilton. During this time the Duke of Hamilton was "a heart beat away" from becoming King of Scots. If Mary Queen of Scots or her son James 6th had died without heir, the Duke of Hamilton was next in line to become King of Scotland. This period was the pinnacle of power, wealth and prestige at Blair. This marriage brought two wealthy families together. During this period, the massive South Wing was added to Blair House (extending to the left from the main entrance), and contains the large living and dining rooms and additional bedrooms.

END OF ORIGINAL BLAIR BLOOD LINE AT BLAIR HOUSE: The original Blair genealogical blood line ended in 1732 with the death of William Blair, son of William Blair and Margaret Hamilton. William married Margaret Campbell. The sole heiress to the Blair of Blair family was their only child, Magdalene Blair of Blair. Magdalene Blair married William Scott of Melanie, who assumed the surname of Blair following their marriage. Magdalene died in Childbirth, and William Scott Blair then married Catherine Tait. Although the original Blair Blood line had ended, the Blair surname carried on as they had eleven children, each of whom assumed the surname Blair. The eldest of their children, Hamilton Blair bravely led the Scotts Grays at the Battle of Fontenoy, 1745 in Belgium.

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BLAIR'S OF BALTHAYOCK:

At the same time (early 1200's) there was another group of de Blare's (de Blair), known as the Blairs of Balthayock² with their Castle, Balthayock Castle located a few miles east of Perth on the edge of the Highlands. It remains controversial whether they descended from the Blair of Blair Family from Ayrshire, or originated separately. Jack Richard Blair³ provides evidence suggesting they were Blair of Blair descendants. However Scottish genealogist Jack Blair of Bridge of Earn, Scotland presents compelling evidence suggesting a separate origin. **Both Ref. 1 and 2 provide detailed accounts of the genealogies of these two families including their Cadet Branches.**



Balthayock Castle
Perthshire

KING JAMES VI!, made an interesting decision in 1658, regarding which of the two families, Blair of Blair and Blair of Balthayock held the Clan Blair Chiefship. According to Douglas,⁴ The two families, Blair of Blair, and Blair of Balthayock long competed for Chiefship of the Blair family, until King James VI put an end to their disputes by declaring in 1658 that "The eldest male of either of the two Families would have precedence over the younger in the Chieftainship at the time". This resulted in a rotating type of Chiefship.

BLAIR HERALDRY:

Scottish Coats of Arms are approved by, and recorded by Scotland's Lord Lyon, King of Arms. In Scotland, Clan Arms are owned only by the Chief of the Clan, not by the individual Clan members. Clan members may wear Crest Badges which indicate the Clan insignia depicted on the Arms, and the Clan Motto, and are encircled by a belt with buckle indicating adherence or loyalty to the Clan Chief. The Coat of ARMS of the Chiefs of Blair of Blair and of Blair of Balthayock are totally different, without any resemblance to each other. This suggests a separate origin for these two families. However, the Tartans for each Family are similar. The motto of Blair of Blair is "Amo Probos", (I Love the Righteous). The Crest is a stag lodged proper. The motto of Blair of Balthayock is "Virtute Tutus", (By Virtue Safe). The Crest is a white dove with wings spread.

² The Blairs of Balthayock and their Cadets, 1150-1850. by Jack Blair et al, 2001 published for The Clan Blair Society by Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD.

³ The Blair Surname, by Jack Richard Blair, 1999 avail. through the Clan Blair Society, www.clanblair.org.

⁴ Baronage of Scotland, Douglas, Sir Robert, (a genealogical account of the gentry of Scotland), publ. by Bell and Bradfute, Edinburgh, 1798.

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BLAIR HERALDRY:

AYRSHIRE FAMILY OF BLAIRS

Blair of Blair

Motto: Amos Probos (I Love the Righteous)

Chief: Blair of that Ilk (Dormant)



PERTHSHIRE FAMILY OF BLAIR

Blair of Balthayock

Motto: Virtute Tutus (By Virtue Safe)

Crest: Argent (white) dove with wings spread



MODERN

ANCIENT

CLAN BLAIR TARTANS

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IMMIGRATION TO CO. ANTRIM:

Significant immigration to Ulster began in May of 1606 when two Scottish northern Ayrshire Lairds, who had acquired land in Co. Antrim and Co. Down, Hugh Montgomery and James Hamilton began encouraging Ayrshire tenant farmers to migrate there (Ref. 5). The lands they came to had been devastated and depopulated by the Wars of the late 1500's with England. Starting in 1607 over 10,000 mainly Presbyterian Lowland Scots made the three hour sea voyage across the North Channel, in the process transforming barren Ulster into an industrial powerhouse. Among these Lowland Scots were Blairs and Harpers according to Ref. 5 Their success inspired the newly crowned King James VI of Scotland and 1st of England to establish the Virginia Plantation of 1607, and to open up the rest of Ulster to Lowland Scots, as the Ulster Plantation of 1610.

WHY DID SO MANY LOWLAND SCOTS EMIGRATE TO ULSTER?

The vast majority of these immigrants were tenant farmers from the large estates in Southwestern Scotland. Among the reasons were: an opportunity for a better life, to get out of the social cast system of feudalism and live where they want, and for excitement. Scotland in the 1600's ⁶ at the time of the massive immigration to Ulster, was one of the poorest and most backward of European countries, being literally still in the Dark Ages compared to most of Europe. Poverty stricken, generally lawless, still lingering in the Middle Ages with agricultural methods hardly better than primitive, there was every reason why an ambitious Scot should look elsewhere for improvement of his condition. Leyburn (Ref. 6) goes on to state "In 1600 Scotland had never known orderly government or rule by law, nor had the country ever, for many years at a time, known peace. There were no policemen. Few barons could even read and write. This was a time when education was not yet generally promoted. Cities were few and roads were mere paths. Illness was frequent and epidemics recurrent".

The land they came to in Co. Antrim and Down had been devastated, and depopulated by the wars of the late 1500s. The settlers included farmers, stonemasons, builders, carpenters, textile workers, merchants and chaplains. This was a settlement, not an invasion or conquest, and was rapidly successful, so much so, that King James opened up the rest of Ulster for settlement, mainly by lowland Scotts, in 1610. Economic prosperity in Ulster rose high above the rest of Ireland. Ironically the success of the Plantation led to events causing many of the people of Ulster to leave and move on to America starting about 1720. This largely resulted from the manufacture of wool and woolen goods and subsequently of linen goods which became so large that the English Parliament in 1698 (Ref. 6), passed the Woollens Act, prohibiting the exportation of Irish wool and woolen cloth to any place except England and Wales. This was a crippling blow to the most prosperous industry of Ulster. As a consequence, when tenant farmers leases expired, rents were raised to extreme levels, leading to their decision to emigrate for a second time, this time to America.

⁵ The Settlement Story published in the Ulster-Scott, Dec. 2005 and found on website www.hamiltonmontgomery1606.com/TheSettlementStory.asp

⁶ The Scotch-Irish, A Social History, by James G. Leyburn, The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, NC, 1962

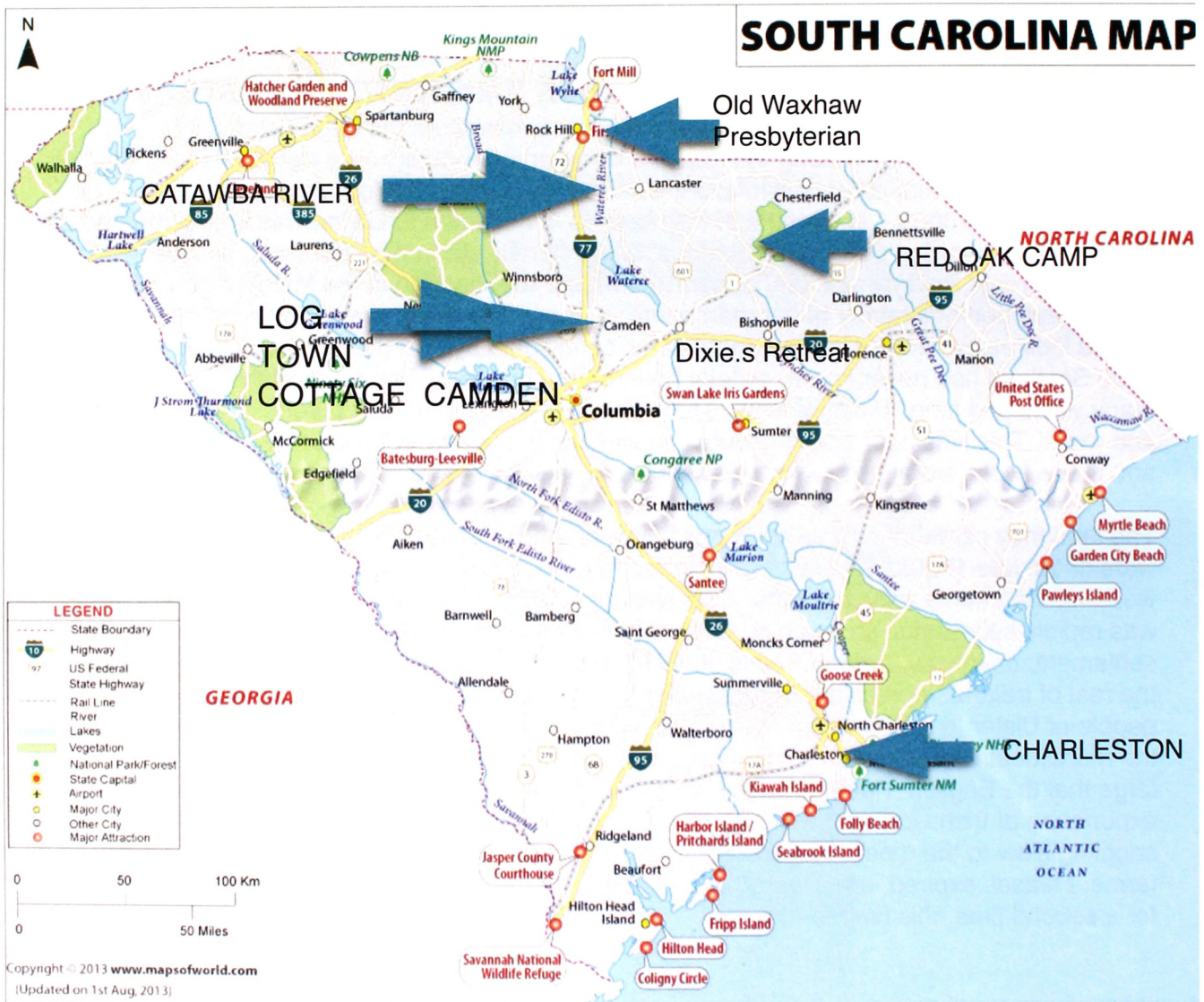
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GENERATION 1: JAMES BLAIR AND WIFE MARY HARPER.

My immigrant Blair ancestors James and Mary Harper Blair are my 4th Great Grandparents. They were both born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, James in 1730, and Mary in 1730 or 1731, and were married in Co. Antrim about 1753 or 1754, at age 23 or 24. (Despite an extensive search of Co. Antrim Church Records, I have not been able to find their marriage or baptismal records). Being my earliest known Blair ancestors, they are listed as Generation 1 in this report. We have no details on James's occupation in Co. Antrim, (presume he was a farmer) or township in which he lived, but there are indications it may have been in or near Larne. James died in Lancaster Co. SC in 1789, at age 59 years. Mary Harper died 13 Dec. 1810, at age 80 years, 21 years after her husband James death. Burial place unknown for James and Mary, and no pictures of James or Mary are available.

Some reports indicate James's father was John Blair (1700-1776) and his mother was Martha Blythe (1702-1770), both born Co. Antrim, Ireland. I have not been able to find any information to confirm this. I had hoped results of my yDNA testing⁷ done August 30, 2002 at Family Tree yDNA might help locate parents of my earliest known Blair ancestors, James Blair, and Mary Harper born in 1730 in Co. Antrim in as much as intensive efforts to do so had not provided this information. These efforts included search for church records, genealogical help from the Ulster Historical Foundation, Irish Genealogical Services, and also Antrim genealogical research with genealogist John McCabe, as well as a research trip I made to Belfast and Larne N. Ireland.

The earliest known ancestors of 2 Blairs in Group 4, of the above mentioned Blair yDNA studies, both born within 1 year of my ancestor James Blair, have 37 unit DNA results almost identical to mine, one (William Hiram Blair, born Co. Antrim 1731, married Phoebe Harris) with only 1 mutation from my DNA, and the other (Thomas Blair, born 1729 Co. Antrim, married Margaret, with 2 mutations from my DNA), strongly suggesting they may be either brothers of my James Blair, or that we have a common ancestor. I have contacted present generation descendants of both these lines, and unfortunately neither knows of helpful earlier family history. Hopefully in the future we may learn more about our earlier Blair ancestors from additional research, including DNA testing of additional Blairs.

⁷ Blair DNA project, Part. No. 4178, www.clanblair.org

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JAMES BLAIR, AND WIFE MARY HARPER GENEALOGY
By Nancy Crockett, genealogist of Lancaster SC.

Corrected Blair Genealogy
Compiled by Nancy Crockett
October, 1988

JAMES BLAIR (SR.)
(-dec'd by 1789)

m

Mary Harper, sister of Dr. Daniel Harper(1745-1791)

John Blair	William Blair (1759-1824)	Thomas Blair (1764-1838)	James Blair (1768-1801)	Margaret Blair (1771-1831)	Elizabeth Blair (1775-1819)
Jane Douglas (1762-1817)	Sarah Douglas (1763-1816)	Jane Taylor (1765-)	Mary Cantzon (1773-1843)	1) Robert Harper (1772-1806) 2) John White (1760-1822)	Benj. Harper, Jr. (1776-)
1) James Harper Blair (1791-)	Daniel Ferguson Blair (1791-)	Taylor Harper Blair (1795-)	John James Blair (1793-1844)	Sarah Dickey Blair (1795-)	James B. Harper (1797-1806)
Sarah	Thomas Simpson Blair (1797-)	Mary Harper Blair (1797-)	Jane Dickey Blair (1799-)	Mary Harper (1809-1814)	Mary Knox Harper (1799-1826)
2) Jennie Blair (1787-1876)	George Doug. Blair (1787-1876)	Mary Blair (1786-1834)	Mary Cantzon Blair m.(2) Thomas McDow (1765-1835)	Margaret Eliza Harper (1814-1836)	Martha E. Harper (1804-1805)
3) Eliz.S.Crawford (1786-1858)	Mary Blair (1786-1834)	Jane Blair (1791-1860)	after James Blair's death	Source: Floyd's Descendants of William Harper with correction N. Crockett	Benjamin Harper (1806-1816)
Source: Larry C. Harris & Nancy Crockett	Source: Old Waxhaw Cemetery	Source: Thomas Blair's application Born 1764 in County Antrim, Ireland Left Ireland at 6 years Age with father who settled in Lancaster, Pa. in 1812. Moved to Tenn. in 1812.	Source: Stubbs Ala. Settlers	Source: Tombstone Inscription from cemetery at Mill Springs near Catwade River Daughter of James Blair, a native of Ireland.	John Harper (1809-1814)

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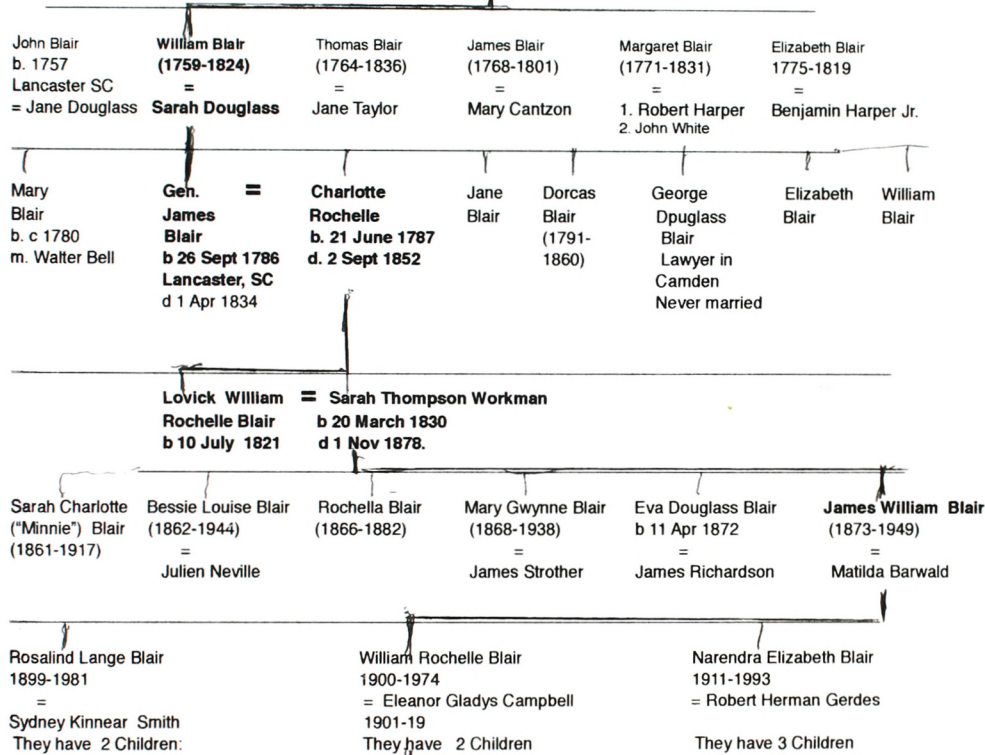
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Descendants of James Blair and Mary Harper:

James Blair = **Mary Harper** Note: = married.
 b. 1730 Co. Antrim IR. b. 1730Co Antrim IR
 d. 17 Sep 1816 d. 1789
 Lancaster SC. Lancaster, SC



2 Children of Sydney and Rosalind Smith:

1. **Sydney Kinnear Smith Jr.** (1927-2003) = Mary McEneaney. 2 Children: Mark E. Smith 1955-2003 & Andrew Blair Smith b 1962
2. **Suzanne Smith** (1935-1999) = Warren Addicott in 1955. 2 Children: Carol Addicott b. 1960 = Ed Kral. 2 children, Lacey and Dylan; **For additional information regarding this family see P. 75**

2 Children of Rochelle and Eleanor Blair:

1. **William Campbell Blair**, born 13 Apr. 1925 = Sharon Dee Racine Feb. 1960 2 children: **Robert Campbell Blair b. 15 Nov 1960** and **2. Scott William Blair** b 19 Feb 1963. Scott has 2 daughters, Holly Brown and Jennifer Blair. **See Chap 1 & P 79-80.**
2. **Jeannette Eleanor Blair** (1927-2011). = James Henry Doyle 1946. 3 Children:
 1. **Kathleen Doyle** b 1946 = Michael Watson 1974 and their 2 children are 1. **Alice** who = Jason Ahuero whose 2 daughters are Abby and Kathleen Ahuero, and 2. **Laura** who = Brian Racine whose 2 children are Jackson and Hannah.
 2. **James Henry Doyle 111** b 1952, = Patricia Mayer and they have 2 daughters Allison and Katherine
 3. **Anne Jeannette Doyle** b 1956 = Bruce Cauthen and their daughter Eleanor b 1989. **See P. 79-81 for more information on this family.**

3 Children of Narenda and Robert Gerdes:

1. **Sally Gerdes** (1939-2013) = Lawrence Wray in 1958. 3 children
 1. **Mary** b 1964 = Lindsey Deauville Have 3 children, Robert, Katie & Michael
 2. **Nancy** = Kevin Rummel 1970. Have 2 children, Drew and Jonathan
 3. **Carolyn** b 1975 = Rio Wheeler 2 children Riley & Summer.
2. **Anne Gerdes** b 1941 = Noel Vietmeyer. Have 3 children, Robert b, 1968, Blair b 1970 and John b. 1976
3. **Barbara Gerdes** b 1946 = Charles Brandes. 1 dau Sarah Rochelle = Jason Michaels and have 2 children, Natalie & Jonah.
See P. 76 for more detailed information on this family.

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IMMIGRATION TO SOUTH CAROLINA:

A large migration of people from Ireland to America in the late 1760's and early 1770's resulted primarily from excessive rent increases in Ireland by absentee land lords which became acute by 1772, (see Page 43). **On Oct. 16, 1772** James and Mary Harper Blair, at age 42 years, with their 4 sons, John, William, Thomas and James, ages 2 to 17 years, departed Larne Ireland on a two month sailing sea voyage arriving Charleston SC. Dec. 19, 1772. They travelled on the "Pennsylvania Farmer", one of 5 ships organized by the Rev. William Martin, a Covenanter Presbyterian pastor from Co. Antrim. According to Lloyds Register of Shipping for 1776 this was a square rigged sailing ship of about 300 tons, built in Bermuda, and carried about 300 passengers.

According to lists of the ships passengers ⁸, ⁹, our James Blair family was granted 450 acres of land, 100 for the head of house, and 50 for wife and each child. In addition, because he was over 16 years of age, son John received 100 acres as he was then 17. John's last name was misspelled (Blear) on the ship manifest (Ref. 7). For unknown reasons none of these land grants were obtained by the family. This may have been related to the fact noted in the ships passenger lists that the Blair's "were unable to pay".¹⁰

Where the James Blair family initially stayed is unknown, but it may have been with the Harpers (James wife's family) who had arrived in the area 5 years earlier, receiving land grants on Wild Creek. We do know¹¹ that James Blair operated the Grist Mill for its owners before purchasing it. Land Records ¹² indicate that James Blair Sr. at age 48 years 10 Aug. 1778 purchased 2 tracts of land on the east side of the Catawba River, at Landsford, a shallow region where there was a road crossing the River. The first was one of 75 acres, the second of 49 acres with a 1/2 interest in the merchant mill (Brown area on map).

⁸ A Compilation of the Original Lists of Protestant Immigrants to S.C., 1763-1773 by Janie Revill, genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD 1974

⁹ Scotch Irish Migration to SC. 1772, by Jean Stephenson

¹⁰ These assumptions were agreed upon by personal communication with SC. genealogist Brent Holcomb of Columbia SC.

¹¹ Letter from Lancaster SC genealogist Nancy Crockett Nov. 1988

¹² Lancaster Co. SC Deeds Book B p, 58-59.

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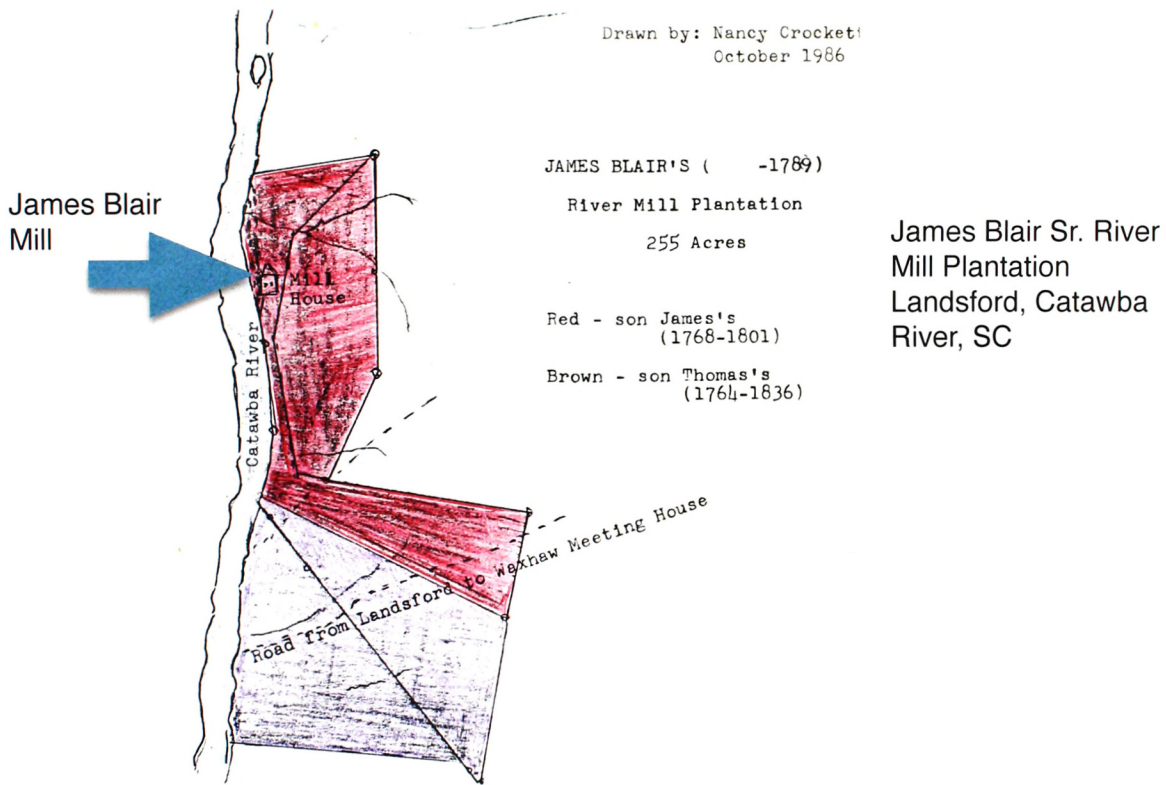
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A year later, 8 July 1790, James purchased 130 additional acres, including the second half interest in the Mill, (Red area on map), (see map on next page). The entire area of 255 acres was known as James Blair's River Mill Plantation, including the James Blair Mill. When James Sr. died in 1789 he died intestate (without a will), therefore his real estate property was inherited by his eldest son John Blair by virtue of primogeniture (Ref. 11). Because John and his brother

William already owned excellent farmland, John sold the property to his brothers James Jr. (the red area on the map, and Thomas (the gray area on the map).



123½ acres purchased by Thomas Blair 1/17/1789 included:
75 acres of a 150 acre grant to John Arnold Pender
and Henry White
49 acres of a 428 acre grant to William Taylor
½ acre and ½ interest in merchant mill

0 acres purchased by James Blair 7/8/1790 included:
5 acres of a 150 acre grant to J.A. Pender & Henry White
5 acres of a 138 acre grant to Felix Cannady (Kennedy)

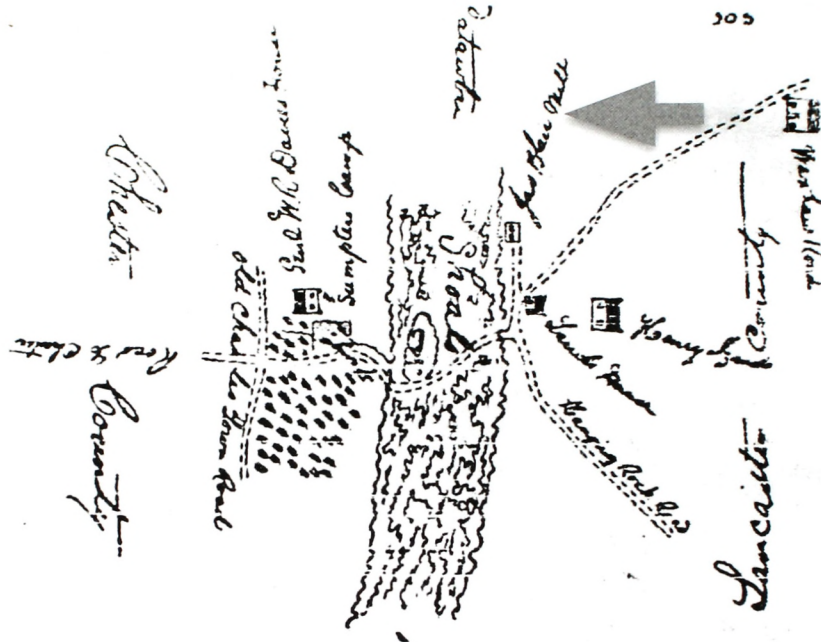
**MAP OF JAMES BLAIR SR.
RIVER MILL PLANTATION
AND GRIST MILL.
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RIVER MILL PLANTATION ON EAST SIDE OF CATAWBA RIVER ARROW POINTS TO JAMES BLAIR MILL

James Blair and Mary Harper's sons John and William had previously acquired land which were farms adjacent to each other on very fertile land located on Cane Creek in the Waxhaw region, Lancaster District called the "Garden of the Waxhaws". When the line between North and South Carolina was not well established, Thomas McElhenney obtained this grant, as a North Carolina grant in 1752. Subsequently when the demarcation line was established, this was changed to a South Carolina grant. Half of McElhenney's 600 acre grants purchased by brothers John and William Blair. John and William also married sisters Jennet or Jane, and Sarah Douglass.

Arrow points to James Blair Mill

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CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARY HARPER BLAIR:

James and Mary had 4 sons born in Co. Antrim (see page 46), and after arrival in South Carolina two daughters were born. (Date of birth listed for Margaret on Page 46 appears to be in error as the family did not arrive in SC until Dec. 1772).

Children of James and Mary Harper Blair:

1. **JOHN BLAIR**, born abt. 1755 or 1756 in Co. Antrim, married Jane (aka Jennet) Douglass (born 1762, and died Aug. 29, 1817, at age 55). John died 13 years later in 1830, age 74. His burial place is unknown, ? N.C. Jane is buried next to her brother-in-law William Blair's tombstone, Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Lancaster, SC¹³.

Children of John and Jane Douglass Blair were:

- a. James Harper Blair, who married Sara Cjeves
- b. Jennie Blair who married — — Gaston, and
- c. George Douglas Blair, (1787- 1876) who married Elizabeth S. Crawford (1786-1858).

2. WILLIAM BLAIR my great great great grandfather, (1764-1830), married Sarah Douglass (1763-1816). For details, See Generation 2, P. 54.

3. **THOMAS BLAIR**, born 1764 Co. Antrim, Ireland. Moved to Lancaster Co. SC at age 8. In 1779, at age 17, he served 14 months as a private in the Army under Capt. John Ballard, in Col. Marshall's regiment under Gen. Sumter in the Revolutionary War¹⁴. He served at Lynch's Creek, White Church against the British, and in the battle at Hanging Rock¹⁵. At one time, he marched with Gen. Sumter across the Catawba River at Lands Ford, within 1/4 mile of his father James Sr. home. His father's home was burned during the War, and the Family Bible destroyed. On 15 July, 1788, at age 24, he married Jane Taylor age 23 in Lancaster Co. She was b. in 1765. In 1812 he and his family moved to Williamson Co. TN. after selling their land in the Waxhaw region. He died in Maury Co. Tenn. at age 72, May 2, 1836. Thomas's widow Jane was granted a wife's war pension in 1839.

¹³ Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Cemetery Records, Lancaster, SC

¹⁴ Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Application, SC. Index 804.

¹⁵ Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution Chap. B Page 75.

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Children of Thomas Jane Taylor were:

- a. Daniel Ferguson Blair born 2/18/1791
- b. Taylor Harper Blair born 4/5/1795
- c. Thomas Simpson Blair born 1/5/1797.

4. **JAMES BLAIR**, born 1768 Co. Antrim Ireland, and died young of unknown causes in 1801, age 33. May 15, 1792 he married Mary Cantzon (1773-1843), of Kingstree, SC. daughter of John Charles Rene Jacques Cantzon a French Huguenot physician in the Waxhaw area and Sarah Dickey. After James's death Mary Cantzon married Thomas McDow. They continued to live on the Blair River Plantation for a number of years, until selling it to Ralph Izard. The Blair Mill thereafter was known as Izard's Mill.

James Blair and Mary Cantzon had 4 children

- a. John James Blair (1793-1844). Married Martha Couturier Ray. They lived in Mobile Alabama.
- b. Sarah Dickey Blair, b. 1795
- c. Mary Harper Blair, b. 1797
- d. Jane Dickey Blair, b. 1799.

5. **MARGARET BLAIR** (Born River Plantation, Landsford, SC. ?1771, died 1831. Married Robert Harper, a first cousin, (son of Mary Harpers brother Benjamin Harper Sr.) They had no children. Either date of birth or place of birth for Margaret is incorrect as the family did not arrive in South Carolina until 1772.

6. **ELIZABETH BLAIR** {1775-1819}. Married Benjamin Harper Jr., born in 1775, son Mary Harper's brother Benjamin Harper Sr., another 1st cousin marriage. Although they had 6 children, unfortunately they all died at a very early age. They included James B. Harper, age 9 years; Mary Knox Harper age 27; Martha E. Harper, age 1 year; Benjamin Harper age 10 years; John Harper, age 5 years; and Margaret Eliza Harper age 22 years.

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FAMILY OF MARY HARPER, WIFE OF JAMES BLAIR¹⁶

The Harpers like the Blair's were of Scots Irish descent. As previously noted both Blairs and Harpers emigrated from Scotland to Co. Antrim Ireland in the early 1600's

Mary Harpers grandparents: (my 6th gt. grandparents) William Harper b. 1682 and Elma Joyce Woodward b. 1685, were married in 1707 in the Carnmoney Presbyterian Church, Newtonabbey, Co. Antrim, Ireland¹⁷. Their son William Alexander Harper, (1704-1787) died at age 63 and his wife Margaret (Martha) Knox, (1711-1780) at age 56, daughter of William Knox, **immigrated to America on the square rigged sailing ship Earl of Donnegal** with 260 passengers. (Ref: # 7). They departed Belfast in October, arriving Charleston SC. 7 Dec, 1767. They were accompanied by all of their children (except their first born child Mary Harper who remained in Co. Antrim with her husband James Blair and their children). Children of William and Margaret Harper on the Earl of Donnegal included: June age 14, Jane age 11; Daniel age 20, William 18; James 16; Benjamin 30 with his wife Martha and their son William; Robert age 25 with his wife Agnes and their son John age 6. At that time the land around Charleston had been well settled. They proceeded to the upper Piedmont region in the Waxhaw Area of Chester Co.(later to become Lancaster Co), where they received land grants on the waters of Wild Creek in Craven Co. (which also later became Lancaster Co). It is of interest that their son Dr.Daniel Harper (a brother of Mary Harper) was a physician in Lancaster Co., but because of his Tory tendencies, he returned to Ireland during the Revolutionary War. He was advised not to return after the War, but did so, and was murdered by "The Regulators" upon his return to the Waxhaw Region following the War.

In 1772, about 5 years after the Harpers arrived in America, James Blair with wife Mary Harper and their 4 children arrived in Charleston, on board the ship "Pennsylvania Farmer".probably with considerable encouragement to come to America by the Harper Family. A very close relationship between the Harpers and Blairs in the Waxhaw Region of SC is suggested in several ways, as follows.

¹⁶ Descendents from William Harper Sr., Irish Immigrant to Lancaster CO. SC, compiled by Viola C. Floyd, 1965.

¹⁷ Entry in a family genealogy in ancestry.com

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GENERATION 1

JAMES BLAIR AND MARY HARPER

1. The 2 daughters of James and Mary Harper Blair, Margaret and Elizabeth Blair, both married sons of Mary Harper's brother Benjamin Harper (Robert and Benjamin Harper Jr.) Unfortunately, Margaret did not have any children, and Elizabeth's 6 children all died at a young age, **quite** possibly resulting from these two first cousin marriages of 2 brothers to 2 sisters. Genetic defects are much more common in first cousin marriages, and may account for this disappointment in child rearing.
2. 4 sons of James and Mary Harper Blair, (each of their children except William) gave one of their children the middle name of Harper. (See diagram Page 46).

GENERATION 2: WILLIAM BLAIR AND SARAH DOUGLASS:

WILLIAM BLAIR, my 3rd great grandfather, was born in Co. Antrim, Ireland 24 March 1759. He was the 2nd born child of James Blair and Mary Harper. At age 13 years, in Dec. 1772 he arrived in Charleston SC. with his parents and 3 brothers on the sailing ship "Pennsylvania



William and Sarah Douglass Blair Pictures above fireplace, in his son Gen. James Blair's Red Oak Camp living room.

Farmer" from Belfast. ¹⁸ In 1783, at age 24 years he married Sarah Douglass, (b. 18 July 1763-d. 17 Sep. 1816) daughter of George Douglass and Mary McClure. William's older brother John married Sarah Douglass's sister Jennet



Flat tombstones of William Blair and wife Sarah Douglass, Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, SC. Photo by my cousins Ann Vietmeyer and Barbara Brandes

¹⁸ Tombstone, Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, SC.

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WILLIAM BLAIR AND SARAH DOUGLASS

Douglass. Both William and John purchased farms next to each other in a very fertile area, (see details in Generation 1 above). William died 2 July 1824¹⁹ at the home of his son Gen. James Blair²⁰, Red Oak Camp Cotton Plantation in Kershaw Co. SC at age 66 years, almost 8 years following death of his wife Sarah (Ref. 17). He had considerable pain from arthritis during his latter years. Like his father James, William died without a will.

The Inscription on William Blair's tombstone reads:²¹ "Here rests the body of Mr. William Blair who departed this life in the 66th year of his age, on the 2nd of July 1824. He was born in the County of Antrim, Ireland on the 24th of March 1759. When about 13 years old he came with his Father and family to this Country, where he resided till his death. Immediately on the left are deposited the earthly remains of his only wife Sarah, whose death preceded his own but a few years. He was a Revolutionary Patriot: and in the humble stations of private soldier and wagon master it is believed he contributed more essentially to the establishment of American Independence than many whose names are proudly emblazoned on the page of history. With his father's wagon he assisted in transporting the baggage of the American Army for several months. He was also in the battles of the Hanging Rock, The Eutaw, Ratliff's bridge Stono and the Fish dam ford on Broad River. In one of these battles he received a slight wound: but so far from regarding it, either then or afterwards, when it was intimated to him that he might avail himself of the

¹⁹ U.S.Census 1800 Lancaster Co. SC. P. 2

²⁰ Obituary of William Blair, Southern Chronicle, July 7, 1824

²¹ Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Lancaster, SC.

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bounty of his County and draw a Pension (as many of his Camp associates had done) he declared that, if the small competence he then possessed failed him, he was both able and willing to work for his living, and if it'd became necessary, to fight for his Country without a penny of pay. He was in the language of the Pope, "The noblest work of God,-an honest man ".

William's wife Sarah Douglass's tombstone which is located next to William's, reads "Here rests the body of Sarah Blair, wife of William Blair and Mother of Mary, James, Jane, Dorcas, George, Elizabeth and William Blair. She was the daughter of George Douglass Esq., was born in this vicinity July 18, 1763, and died the 17th day of September 1816, (age 53). It is hoped, and believed she discharged the relative duties of a Christian wife and Mother to the satisfaction of her God. Her gentle spirit, freed from this world of wickedness and pain, has flown where scenes of love and bliss immortal reign".

Jennet Blair's tomb stone (William's older brother John's wife) is next to that of her sister Sarah but the location of John Blair's burial remains unknown (possibly North Carolina). Jennet Blair's reads in part: "Farewell my dear husband and children. Don't grieve. Obey the commands of dear Jesus. Farewell dear travelers. I hope to meet you on Canaans bright shore where we will all dwell together and partings no more."

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND SARAH DOUGLAS BLAIR:

William and Sarah had 7 children:

1. Mary Blair (1784-1834) their first child. Married Walter Bell c. 1804

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2. James Blair (1786-1834) my Gt. Gt. grandfather, General and US Congressman. Married Charlotte Rochelle in 1820. See Chap. 3, Gen. 3, P57-62 for details.

3. Jane Blair b. c. 1788. Never married. Moved to plantation near Shelbyville TN. in 1834 with sister Dorcas and brother George.

4. Dorcas Blair (1791-1860) Never married. Moved to TN 1834.

5. George Douglass Blair b. 1779 Attorney, Camden SC. Served in SC. House of Representatives 1824-1825. Moved with 2 sisters Jane and Dorcas to TN in 1834. Never married.

6. Elizabeth b. c. 1797

7. Lastly, William b. c. 1795. No other information.

THE DOUGLASS FAMILY:

As noted above William and his older brother John married Douglass sisters, Sarah and Jennet/Jane respectively.

Like the Blair's, the Douglass family was of Scotch Irish descent.

The father of the Sarah and Jennet was George Douglass ²² born c 1725 in Derry Township, Lancaster Co.. PA. who was in the Waxhaw Region of SC by 1753 when he received a NC Land Grant for 302 acres along upper Cain Creek. George married Mary McClure in 1745 and died in 1784 in Lancaster Districted, SC. ²³ George was the son of John Douglass, born in 1759 in Lancaster Co. PA. and died 15 Dec. 1812 in York District, SC. John Douglass married Sarah Dunn 10 May 1781 in Claremont Co., Camden District, SC



WILLIAM BLAIR'S EYE
GLASSES (1759-1824)

²² NC. Genealogical Society Journal Vol. V!! No. 2 May, 1981

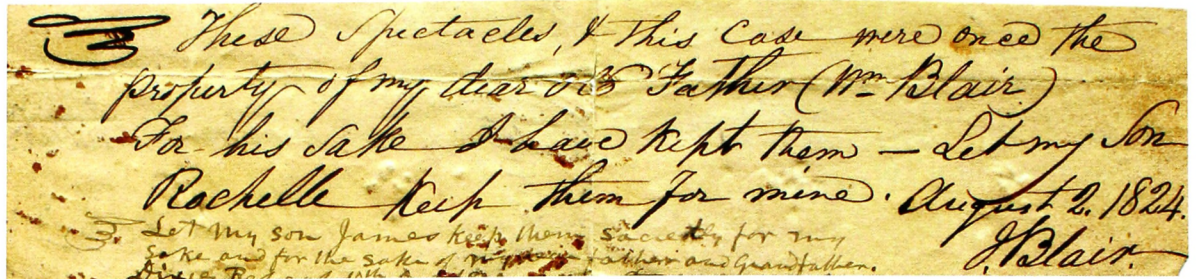
²³ Headstone, Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Cemetery, Lancaster, SC.

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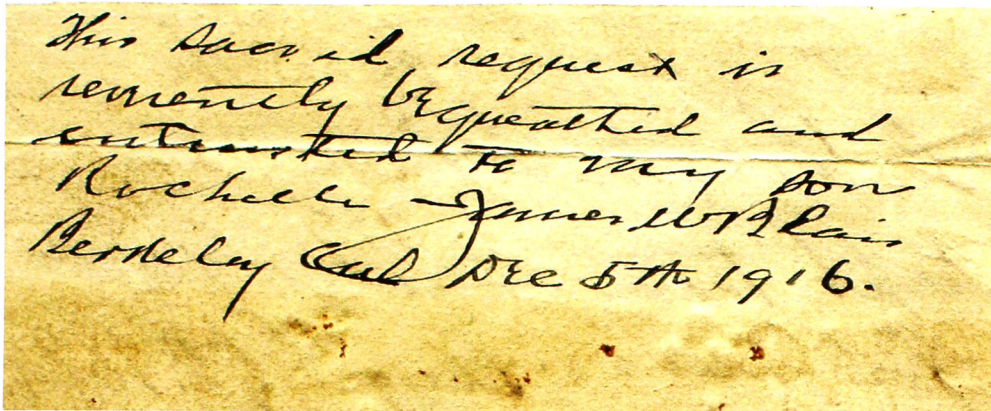
WILLIAM BLAIR'S EYE GLASSES AND CASE: with signed notes from 5 generations of my Blair ancestors beginning with William's son General James Blair. Each note passes these eye glasses onto the next generation for safe keeping.

(Fine print at base of the note above from Gen. James's, is written by his son LWR Blair, passing the glasses onto his son James William Blair). The above note signed by General James Blair, son of William, passing these eye glasses (and their case) onto his son Lovick William Rochelle Blair is dated Aug. 2, 1824, and reads "These spectacles and this case were once the property of my dear old father (Wm. Blair) For his sake I have kept them. Let my son Rochelle (LWR Blair) keep them for mine".



In passing these glasses onto his son James William Blair the note by LWR Blair reads "Let my son James (James William Blair) keep them sacredly for my sake and for the sake of my father and grandfather". Signed at Dixie's Retreat 10 Oct. 1877 and signed LWR Blair

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This note from my grandfather James William Blair, passing the glasses and case onto my father Rochelle (William Rochelle Blair), dated Dec. 15, 1916 in Berkeley

My son, William C. Blair
Time has added much sentiment to these old glasses
& I hope you will value them.
Berkeley, Calif.
October 17, 1946
W. R. Blair

This note signed by my father W.R.Blair to me (William C. Blair) dated Oct. 17, 1946 and lastly one from me (William C. Blair) to my two sons Robert and Scott Blair dated April 21, 1971.

To My sons Robert Campbell Blair and SCOTT WILLIAM BLAIR
I hope you will cherish these glasses and pass them
onto your children. With love, Dad
Menlo Park, CA April 21, 1971
William Campbell Blair

Lastly, this note passing the glasses to my 2 sons Robert Campbell Blair and Scott William Blair signed by me.

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GEN. JAMES BLAIR AND CHARLOTTE ROCHELLE

JAMES BLAIR, my great great grandfather, was my first born American Blair ancestor. He was born in the Waxhaw settlement, Lancaster District, South Carolina September 24, 1786. James was the second child, and first born son of William Blair and Sarah Douglass Blair, who had 7 children.¹ His father, William Blair who was of Scots-Irish descent, came to America from near Larne, County Antrim, Ireland at the age of about 13 years with his parents (my gt gt gt grandparents), James Blair and Mary Harper, and his 4 siblings (John, Thomas, James, and Margaret, (Elizabeth was born after their arrival). on the square rigged sailing ship "Pennsylvania Farmer" which was 1 of 5 ships of Presbyterian Rev. William Martin, sailing from Belfast, arriving in Charleston, SC. after a 2 months long sea voyage, in December 1772, (see Gen. 2, P. 53). The primary reason for their leaving Ireland apparently was due to increasing rents which became intolerable. In addition, they were undoubtedly encouraged to do so by Mary Harper's parents and siblings who had come to the Lancaster SC area 5 years earlier from Belfast Ireland on the ship "Earl of Donnegal" arriving in Charleston in December 1767.



GEN. JAMES BLAIR
(1786-1834)

James had a very colorful, remarkable, and full, but much too short life. He grew up on his father William's farm in the Waxhaw settlement, of SC., located in a fertile area known as the "Garden of the Waxhaws", it being so Eden like. John Blair, elder brother of William, had a farm adjacent to William's, and both William and John married sisters, Sarah and Jennet Douglass. Their farms were purchased from Mr. McKelhenney, who had obtained the original land grant.

This and his wife's portraits are on my living room wall

Little is known about James's early childhood. His only formal schooling was grammar school located at the Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church in Lancaster SC. He must have been



Gold Watch awarded to Gen. James Blair

¹ U.S.Census, Lancaster Co. SC 1810 P. 5

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largely home schooled. He was described as being an extremely articulate man whose writings, speeches, opinions and debates in the U.S. Congress indicated he was a man of considerable intelligence. There was native genius in James Blair that rose above all disadvantages, enabling him to be so very conversant in writing and speaking on so many subjects.

James has been described as one of nature's noblemen, a magnificent giant possessing great charm, six feet six or seven inches in height weighing 330 pounds. He had the strength of 3 ordinary men, with his shoulders measuring one yard across. He was a statesman, politician, military leader, and athlete ².

As a champion wrestler, there is no record of his ever having been bested in a match. There is a story that the wrestling champion of North Carolina, hearing of the Waxhaw giant, came down to tackle him. He found James ploughing in the field, and insisted they have a round right then and there. So James unhooked his mule, and the resulting grapple was that the champion was flung clear over the high rail fence, and so badly bruised that he had to recuperate in the Blair home for several days before he could travel.

James was elected Sheriff of Lancaster County in his early 20's, serving for 4 years.

He joined the South Carolina Militia at an early age. Included in militia drills in addition to drills and use of guns were all sorts of shows of strength including wrestling, boxing, and foot-racing. Tales of James Blair's strength were told afar. At age 28 he was promoted from Colonel, to Brigadier General in command of the 8th Brigade of the South Carolina Militia, and in 1830 at age 30 to Adjutant General of the State Militia. He was active in the militia during the war of 1812.

James Blair was also a Mason, joining Lodge #73 at Liberty Hill in Kershaw CO. 15 Nov. 1815.

In politics, General James Blair never lost an election. Following being active in local politics, in 1821, at the age of 35, he was elected to the U.S. Congress from South Carolina representing the district composed of Kershaw, Lancaster, Chesterfield and Sumter Counties. After 18 months he resigned, without explanation except for stating "private concerns". For the next 6 years he stayed at home writing speeches and studying in his vast library. James Blair was reelected to Congress as a Jacksonian in 1830, 1832, and 1834, at which time he was the recognized head of the Union Party. In Congress he took a strong stand against Nullification. (The Nullification Party claimed that individual states had the right to override federal laws such as unreasonable tariffs on products etc). Gen. Blair's stand against Nullification (i.e., his Unionist Beliefs),

² Historic Camden by Thomas J. Kirkland and Robert M. Kennedy, Kershaw Co., Historical Library, Camden SC., Vol. 2, Chap. VII P. 91-100.

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was unpopular with most of the SC. politicians at the time, but for which he stood fast, and was ultimately congratulated and applauded.

Because there was no Presbyterian Church in the region of Red Oak Camp, James and his wife Charlotte joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1833.

September 7, 1832 must have been a proud occasion for General Blair, for he received a tribute from Kershaw County accorded to few if any other of her sons. At a banquet with 700 guests with Col James Chesnut presiding, the leading toast was "General James Blair, our Representative in Congress, worthy of the soil of Hickory, Well done thou good and faithful servant, you voted against the Act of 1828 (Nullification) the vote of 2 Senators and 6 Representatives to the contrary". Gen. Blair received an enthusiastic ovation, and the band played "Hail to the Chief".

Another high point was 9 March 1825 when Gen. Marquis de Lafayette came to Camden to lay a corner stone for a monument in memory of Gen. Baron de Kalb. Gen. James Blair was military officer in charge of the event.

Historian Lon Outen stated Gen. James Blair was probably the most famous and influential man who lived in the Lynches Forks area³. He truly was the Hero of the Lynches Fork region.

BUT, there was a dark side to Gen. James Blair⁴. He had a "hot temper" especially when indulging to excess in liquor, and at times played the ruffian. He was addicted to drink and morphine to allay the sufferings of rheumatism, becoming crazed thereby. One example was when a neighbor, Lovick Young had incurred his dislike. He entered the house of Lovick Young on horseback terrifying Mrs. Young, jumping his horse over an infant's cradle while Lovick Young was hidden under the house. While there he did beat, bruise and ill-treat Abraham Lamb, and as Lamb was getting away, fired a gun after him.

He participated in several brawls and duels as well. One duel was averted on the eve of the event. It involved James H. Hammond (afterwards SC Governor and U.S. Senator) which fortunately ended with drinks instead of shots after principals and seconds talked it over. Another was with Thos. P. Evans, editor of the Camden Newspaper. Dr. J. Marion Sims version of the duel was that Evans' arm was shattered and he was left crippled.

In March 1834, Washington society was shocked by Blair's behavior at the Washington Theater during a performance of Othello. When the black Moor began to strangle

³ Hortons on Lynches River and Red Oak Woods Plantation, by Lon Outen, 1989

⁴ Historic Camden, Part 2 by Kirkland and Kennedy 1926 Kershaw Co. Historical Society, Camden, SC

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Desdemona, James Blair became irate, pulled out his pistol and fired towards the stage. Fortunately no one was hit. He was fined five dollars after a doctor testified he was under the influence of brandy and opium.

One month later, April 1, 1834 at the age of 48 years he committed his last desperate act. Lying in bed, depressed by sickness and alcohol, at his boarding house on A street, Capitol Hill, his close friend Gov. Murphy of Alabama called to see him, and read to him at his request an affectionate letter just received from his wife Charlotte. As soon as Gov. Murphy departed, James Blair got his pistol and shot himself through the brain, dying instantly⁵. (I wonder what was in that letter?).

James was buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington DC at Range 30/Site 72. His tombstone inscription reads: "IN MEMORY OF THE HON. JAMES BLAIR A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL 1, 1834 AGED 48 YEARS."⁶



Gen. James Blair
Buried, Congressional
Cemetery, Washington DC

The New York Courier and Enquirer said of him following his death. "He was brave to the very verge of utter indifference to fear." A nobler spirit never inhabited a human bosom. At all times he was gentle and bland in all the relations of life. He was decidedly more popular than any other man who ever lived within the district he represented in Congress."

The following is from "The Diaries of John Quincy Adams"⁷ "James Blair, a member of the House of Representatives from South Carolina shot himself last evening at his lodgings at Downsons after reading part of an affectionate letter from his wife to Gov. Murphy of Alabama who was alone with him. An announcement was made in the House including funeral arrangements for 4 that afternoon for the memory of James Blair, and that members of the House would wear black crape around their arm for the next 30 days. He went on to say Blair was a man of amiable natural disposition, of excellent feelings and sterling good sense and of brilliant mind. But undeniable, his single vice of intemperance which had resulted in terrible difficulties to himself until it had bloated his body to a mountain, prostrated his intellect, and lost control of his temper.

⁵ Murder and Mayhem in Old Kershaw: by Miles Gardner, The Reprint Co. Publishers, Spartanburg, SC. 2004

⁶ Tombstone Congressional Cemetery, Washington D.C.

⁷ Diaries of John Quincy Adams, P. 85, 1 April 1835

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JAMES BLAIR'S WIFE CHARLOTTE AND HER ROCHELLE AND PERKINS FAMILIES: On 6 February 1820, then 34 years of age, James Blair married Charlotte Rochelle, a French-Hugenot descendant. She was a small lady of only 100 pounds. She was 33 years old, having been born June 21, 1787 at her family plantation Red Oak Camp, in Kershaw Co. SC. She died 2 Sept. 1852 age 65 at Wilson's Springs NC, and is buried at the Blair Family Cemetery, Red Oak Camp ⁸

Charlotte was the daughter of Lovick Rochelle born about 1759 Wake Co. NC., who died in 1809, and his wife Elizabeth Perkins born 1760 at Red Oak Camp and died 29 April 1843.

Lovick Rochelle and his wife Elizabeth owned and developed a large cotton plantation on Lynches Creek, Kershaw Co., called Red Oak Camp. There was a large brick mansion located there, built by Benjamin Latrobe who was also the architect for the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. Charlotte's father Lovick Rochelle was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War in North Carolina. He was convicted as an accessory, (for procuring the murderer) with Jesse Fley as the shooter for for the murder of David Minton. Both Lovick Rochelle and Jesse Fley were hanged on a tree on Fair street in Camden SC., 9 June 1809 ⁹. Following that both of Charlotte's brothers passed away, so Charlotte when she married James Blair in 1820 was sole owner of Red Oak Camp plantation which allowed her to live in relative wealth and property. James Blair acquired Red Oak Camp from Charlotte following their marriage and subsequently made significant additions to it.¹⁰ James Blair amassed a large estate which included 4,025 acres of land, 75 slaves, a large brick mansion, 60 hogs, 39 sheep, 400 bushels of corn, an extensive library of 268 books as well as many other items.



Charlotte Rochelle Blair
(1787-1852)
Portrait in my living room

Charlotte's gt.gt.gr. father was a well known French Huguenot, Count Dumont de la

⁸ Blair Family Cemetery (See Appendix E, P. 116)

⁹ "Murder and Mayhem in Old Kershaw, by Miles Gardner, Kershaw SC 2004 P. 31-42

¹⁰ Hortons on Lynches River and Red Oaks Plantation by Lon D. Outen 1989 A Press Printing Co., Greenville, SC

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Rochelle b. c. 1575. Her gt. gr. father Ralph Rochelle 1665-1748 immigrated to America and settled in Surry Co. VA. where he married Elizabeth Wheeler 1709 Her grandfather John Rochelle b. 1721 in VA. married Elizabeth Boone b. 1725 in NC (believed to be a cousin of Daniel Boone).

Her father Lovick Rochelle born c 1754 Wake Co. VA married Elizabeth Perkins (1760- 29 Apr.1843).

Charlotte's father Lovick Rochelle had a twin brother William who remained in Virginia.

Lovick Rochelle and Elizabeth in addition to Charlotte had a son Lovick Jr. who died young as did his wife and their infant in childbirth, and a second son Allen who also died young.

ELIZABETH PERKINS FAMILY:

Charlotte Rochelle's mother ELIZABETH PERKINS was born c. 1760 in NC, and died 29 Apr. 1843 at Red Oak Camp. Her father was John Perkins, a sea captain, who was an active soldier in the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution. He graduated from Yale college, studied law and moved to Camden, SC where he

established a lucrative law practice.

He married Sarah Kershaw of Camden, who inherited land near Camden from her father Joseph where they built their home which they named "Pine Tree", named from a creek going through it



Garnet and Pearl ring belonging to Charlotte's mother Elizabeth Perkins

CHILD OF JAMES AND CHARLOTTE BLAIR: James and Charlotte Blair had only one child, a son Lovick William Rochelle Blair, (LWR Blair), born July 10, 1821 at Red Oak Camp, (see Generation 4 P. 66). He was only 13 years old when his father General James Blair committed suicide. LWR Blair continued to live with his mother at Red Oak Camp following his father's death.

LWR Blair was 13 years old when his father committed suicide, and the court appointed his uncle John J. Blair (son of James Blair born in 1768, who was brother of William Blair, the father of Gen. James Blair), as his guardian ad litem. LWR Blair continued to live at Red Oak Camp with his mother until the War between the States when he moved to Camden. Charlotte Blair continued to operate Red Oak Camp Plantation after Gen. Blair's death. In the 1850 slave schedule she is shown owning 103 slaves. Charlotte survived Gen. James Blair by 18 years, dying in Williams Springs, North Carolina 2 September 1852 at age 65 years.

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LOVICK WILLIAM ROCHELLE BLAIR and SARAH WORKMAN

My great grand father, LWR Blair, known to family and his friends as Rochelle was born July 10, 1821, at Red Oak Camp, Kershaw County, South Carolina¹. He was the only child of Gen. James Blair and Charlotte Rochelle². He was named for his maternal grandfather Lovick Rochelle, and for his paternal grandfather, William Blair. In 1850 at the age of 29 he married Sarah Thompson Workman, then 20 years of age, having been born March 20, 1830. LWR Blair died (assassinated) at the southwest corner of Rutledge and Broad Streets in Camden SC July 4, 1882 age 61 while campaigning for Governor of SC. 4 years prior to LWR Blair's death, his wife Sallie Workman died November 1, 1878 age 48 years, following surgery for a uterine tumor performed by Dr. Baruch, father of the well known financier Bernard Baruch on a table in Red Oak Camp. Her oldest daughter Lottie sprinkled chloroform over her nose for anesthesia.



Sarah (Sallie) T. Workman
miniature by Fraser,
Charleston, SC



Painting by his daughter Eva
Captain, Confederate Army
daughter Eva Blair
Captain, Confederate

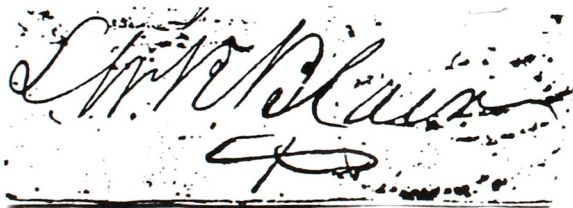
¹ Blair Family Bible, (See Appendix 1)

² U.S.Census Kershaw Co. SC 1860, P. 138-139

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LWR Blair, (Rochelle)



One of two bronze lions taken from Red Oak Camp following the Civil War, now in front of the South Carolina Library in

RED OAK CAMP PLANTATION was the name of the large cotton plantation first owned by Rochelle's grandfather Lovick Rochelle, who built a large 2 story brick mansion with an English basement there. The plantation was inherited by his daughter Charlotte Rochelle upon Lovick's death June 9, 1809, and acquired by Gen. James Blair upon his

marriage to Charlotte in 1820. Gen. James Blair enlarged Red Oak Camp by purchasing several nearby properties, including the 5,000 acre Lynchwood Plantation. LWR Blair's property was said to cover between 10,000 and 15,000 acres and he had approximately 100 slaves³ Red Oak Camp Plantation was located on very fertile land on Lynches River Kershaw Co., SC, where Red Oak Creek flows into Lynches River, about 9 miles north of the town of Bethune, in the area now known as Timrod Community. Part of Red Oak Camp was across Lynches River in Chesterfield Co. It was the largest plantation in this region. The Red Oak Camp Plantation is named for the Kadapau branch of the Catawba Indian tribe who camped there on their migrations, as well as for the many red oak trees nearby.

³Hortons on Lynches River and Red Oak Woods Plantation by Lon D. Outen, 1989 A Press Printing Co., Greenville SC.

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Rochelle was born and reared at the Red Oak Camp Plantation. His father, Gen. James Blair, a U.S. Congressman died (suicide) in Washington D.C. when Rochelle was only 13. His mother Charlotte and Rochelle managed the Plantation thereafter. Prior to the Civil War life on this large Plantation was very comfortable and Rochelle became quite wealthy until he was financially ruined following the Civil War.



Graves of LWR Blair, Sallie Workman Blair and their 3rd daughter Rochella Blair, in the Workman Plot, Quaker Cemetery, Camden.



Site of Red Oak Plantation on Lynch's Creek, SC.
My sister Jeannette in foreground



French Clock from the Red Oak Camp Plantation

Rochelle was an extraordinary man who had an interesting full life. He was an influential and intellectual person, a plantation owner and planter, a newspaper editor, a member of the local militia, and later a Major in the Confederate Army, and post war he was a politician, not unlike many of his father Gen. James Blair's interests and activities.

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Bookcase from Red Oak Camp Plantation with Bill and Ben Brannon. Picture taken in Ben's grandmother's home,

Rochelle was educated privately, being tutored mostly by Prof. Hatfield of Camden. He is said to have gone briefly to the University of Virginia, but was unhappy there, (homesick), so returned home where he continued his home tutoring. He also had a large library, and a special interest in astronomy, with a telescope on the top of his home. In 1843 Maj. Blair donated 244 acres to the Bethel United Methodist Church for a meeting house school and cemetery.

According to cousin Ben Brannon, Rochelle constantly tried to make Red Oak Camp an advanced cotton plantation, and he tried "scientific" planting techniques advocated by the leading agricultural journals of the day. Twice he went to Egypt to study cotton planting there, and acquire seeds. He tried to improve cotton varieties, attempting to produce a long staple upland cotton rather than the ordinary short staple cotton. (This was finally accomplished in the 1930's at Clemson Univ. with development of the long staple Pima cotton, now grown in the southwest).

A superb example of how very well LWR Blair could write is an inscription on the Monument to Confederate women of South Carolina located beside the State Capitol of SC in Columbia, and also as an editorial in the Kershaw Gazette in 1879 shortly after the death of his wife⁴. "Generations unborn shall hear the voice of the women of South Carolina in the Country's need. Their unconquerable spirit strengthened the thin lines of grey, their tender care was solace to the stricken. Reverence for God and unflattering faith in a righteous cause inspired heroism that survived the immolation of sons and courage that bore the agony of suspense and the shock of disaster. The tragedies may be forgotten but the noble service of at the daughters of the South are our perpetual heritage. At clouded dawn of peace they faced the future undismayed by problems and fearless of trials of living efforts to heal anther country's wounds and with conviction that from the ashes of ruin would come resurrection of truth with glorious vindication. When reverses followed victories, when want displaced plenty, when mourning for the flower of Southern manhood darkened countless homes, when government dotted and chaos threatened, the women were steadfast and unafraid. They were unchanged in their devotion, unshaken in their patriotism, unwearied in ministrations, uncomplaining in sacrifices, splendid in fortitude, they strove while they wept. In the rebuilding after the desolation their virtue stood as the supreme citadel with strong towers of faith and hope around which civilization rallied and triumphed".

⁴ According to information from Ben Brannon of SC

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MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN: August 10, 1850, at the age of 29, Rochelle married Sarah "Sallie" Thompson Workman of Camden SC. She was 9 years younger than he, having been born March 12, 1830⁵.

Sallie and Rochelle had 6 children, 5 girls, then finally a boy James, my grandfather.

1. **Sarah Charlotte Blair**, known as "**Lottie**". born July 1, 1861 at Log Town Cottage. Lottie never married. She lived in Atlanta. In 1900 she was elected to the board of directors, Dimmick Pipe Co. She was the first woman in Alabama to sit on the Board of Directors of an Industrial Corp. In 1905 she organized her own company, The American Cast Iron Pipe Co., serving as Secretary of the Company and Director of the corporation in charge of sales. She died Dec 9, 1917 while visiting her brother James in Berkeley CA., and is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, AL.



Sarah Charlotte "Lottie" Blair

2. **Bessie Louise Blair**, born November 20, 1862 at Log Town Cottage. She married **Julian Neville** (born about 1860) Oct. 29, 1884, and died in Oct, 1944 and is interred in the Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, AL. Their only child, a daughter Julia married Paul A. Ivy, and had only 1 child, Paul Ivy Jr. who divorced, and had no children.



Rochella

3. **Rochella Blair** was born 25 Feb, 1866 at Log Town Cottage She died 22 August 1882 age 16 years, suicide under the Blair Pine tree in the precipice adjacent to their home "Dixies Retreat" near Camden, from strychnine poisoning resulting from grief over the murder of her father LWR Blair 16 days earlier. She is buried in the Quaker Cemetery, Camden, SC.

4. **Mary "Minnie" Gwynne Blair**, born May 19, 1868, at Log Town Cottage and died Oct. 2, 1938. She married **James G. Strother**, son of George James Strother Dec. 29, 1886, James George Strother inherited Fruithill Plantation in 1881 upon the death of his father. Next, in 1886, ownership passed to James G. Strother's daughter Ruby Rochelle who married William Clarence Branch. Fruitful was built in 1856, is



Hat worn by LWR Blair and Rochella at their deaths.

⁵Blair Family Bible

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located in Saluda, SC., and is a notable example of Greek Revival farmhouse architecture. It is one of the largest plantation houses in the area and the first to receive electricity and running water, in ca. 1936. The Strother's were always successful and affluent planters, despite the interruption of the Civil War and the impact of Reconstruction.



Fruithill Plantation, Saluda, SC



Precipice near Dixie's Retreat where under a pine tree, LWR Blair's 3rd daughter Rochelle committed suicide in anguish following the murder of LWR. L to Rt: Betty Blair, Ben Brannan, James Doyle and Jeannette Blair Doyle

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5. **Eva Douglas Blair**, born 11 April, 1872 at Log Town Cottage, was a very talented artist, married **James Richardson**. They moved to Concord CA. to manage a ranch purchased by her brother James W. Blair. Their son was Major Gen. James Richardson, Inspector General, US Army.

6. Finally, a son, my grand father, **James William Blair**, born Dec. 24, 1873 at Daisie Farm a temporary home near Camden while Dixie's Retreat was being built. James married **Matilda Barwald** in 1898, and died in Berkeley CA Sept. 16, 1949 and is buried in Sunset View Cemetery, Berkeley. See Generation 5 (P. 73-76) for details.

LOG TOWN COTTAGE: About the time of their marriage, Rochelle purchased a home in Camden at 1409 Broad St. across the street from the Camden Archives and on the northern side of Monument Square which he called "Log Town Cottage". It was built in 1810 and remains in excellent condition today, being run as a Bed and Breakfast, now called "Aberdeen". My wife Betty and I had the great pleasure of staying there while visiting Camden.



Log Town Cottage, LWR's townhouse in Camden purchased in 1860, now a B and B called Aberdeen



DIXIE'S RETREAT: Shortly following the War, Rochelle sold Log Town Cottage, and in 1870's purchased land about 2 miles outside of Camden in an area known as Paint Hill from Gen. Chesnut Jr. where he built a home which he called "Dixie's Retreat," a relatively small tract of 121 acres. This was financed in part by selling his Stradivarius violin. Near the house was a "precipice" thought to have been formed by an ancient meteorite. It was on the edge of this precipice that Rochelle died. In the late 1920's Dixie's Retreat was destroyed in a fire, and the area now is a housing development.

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While Dixie's Retreat was being built, the family lived temporarily in a farmhouse near Dixie's Retreat called **Daisie Farm**. It is here their son James William Blair was born.



Daisie Farm

SALLIE WORKMAN, WIFE OF LWR BLAIR, AND HER FAMILY:

Sallie (Sarah) Thompson Workman (Blair) was the 2nd of 5 children of William Clark Workman (Aug. 22, 1803- March 1, 1861), born in Winsboro, Fairfield Co. SC. and was a merchant in Camden for many years, and Sarah Young Jenkins (May 5, 1812-Feb. 11, 1863), born in Bishopville, SC., daughter of Rev. James Jenkins and Elizabeth Ann Gwynne.

The progenitor of the American branch of the Workman family was John Workman, a sea-captain engaged in the linen trade between Belfast and Liverpool, who lived near Larne in Co. Antrim, Ireland, and who emigrated with his family to America in 1793. Their daughter Elizabeth married her cousin, James Workman, who settled in Winnsboro, SC., and one of their sons, William Workman (father of Sallie Workman) married Sallie Young Aug. 10, 1850. William graduated from the University of Virginia and practiced law in Camden, at first with his brother John, then after serving as Cashier of the Bank of Camden, he returned to the Bar, being in partnership, successively with General James Chesnut and General J.B. Kershaw. For 29 years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Camden. The 2nd born daughter of William and Sallie Y. Workman was Sallie Thompson Workman, who was to become LWR Blair's wife.

THE CIVIL WAR: "The War of Northern Aggression" as it was known in the South, began April 12, 1861 when Confederate Forces at Fort Johnson fired on Union occupied Fort Sumter. Shortly thereafter, on Nov. 14, 1861, Rochelle, largely at his own expense, formed a company in the Confederate Army, Company A in the 7th South Carolina Battalion (Lt. Col. P.H. Nelson's Battalion, Hagood's Brigade), called the Lizenby Guards, (Lizenby is the old name for Bethune). This Company was from men from the region around Red Oak Camp, which Rochelle commanded with the rank of Captain. They were stationed on James Island at the entrance to Charleston harbor. In early 1862 Union forces of 6,500 men entrenched on James Island, marched toward Charleston, and Confederate Forces including Capt. Rochelle's company held them off,

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but suffered severe casualties. Through the rest of the War all Union attempts to conquer Charleston failed. Rochelle's company of 244 men, sustained 152 casualties, 94 of whom were under 21 years of age according to cousin Ben Brannon. Capt. Rochelle Blair served with distinction, and was promoted to Major July 10, 1862. Due to illness (typhoid fever) he relinquished command of the Company March 5, 1863. Following that, Rochelle became a secret agent to Europe. According to cousin Ben Brannon, Rochelle then accompanied Father John O'Bannon, an Irish Catholic priest from Missouri who was a Confederate chaplain, who had been commissioned by President Jefferson Davis to be the Confederate agent to Ireland. Their mission was to combat Yankee recruiting in Ireland, and their efforts were quite successful, reducing the number of recruits by two-thirds. Following that, they went to Rome where they joined Bishop Patrick Lynch of Charleston, the Confederate emissary to the Holy See. While there, Rochelle was given a drawing by Leonardo D'Vinci, and also acquired a Stradivarius violin.

Following the War, Maj. Blair returned to a scene of desolation and ruin. Gen. Sherman's Army of 61,000 fiendish incendiaries and marauding plunderers had swarmed through Kershaw Co. in Feb. 1865, their advance slowed by the rain-swollen waters of Lynche's River, prolonging their dreadful presence. Sherman's 17th Corps, commanded by Gen. Frank Preston Blair, who was the son of Francis Preston Blair an important advisor to President Lincoln, postmaster general in Lincoln's cabinet and owner of Blair House located across Pennsylvania Ave. from the White House, (no relation to my Blair's). Gen. Frank Blair had his headquarters in the Blair mansion at Red Oak Camp. When one of the slaves was asked by Gen. Frank Blair if his master Maj. LWR Blair was related to him, the slave replied, "No, sah, if Maj. Rochelle had any Yankee blood in his veins he would have cut them open and let it run out!". As Gen. Frank Blair left he ordered the mansion burned. The slaves made futile attempts to extinguish the fires. A few items were salvaged, including a clock obtained in France, (Ben Brannon). (Picture of the clock on P. 68).

Fortunately the portraits of Gen. James Blair and his wife Charlotte which I now have, had previously been removed to his Log Town Cottage in Camden. The entire plantation was laid waste--cotton gin destroyed and all provisions stolen or destroyed. The mansion brick walls remained and was temporarily rebuilt, (although Rochelle was no longer living there--he had moved to Log Town Cottage in Camden).

During the era of unbridled corruption and military occupation following the War, known as "reconstruction", Maj. Blair suffered as did most of his fellow citizens. His income had come primarily from Red Oak Camp Plantation. The corrupt and degenerate carpetbagger regime raised taxes to outrageous heights. Unable to pay the taxes, Maj. Blair saw Red Oak Camp sold at the horrid tax sales. In order to allow Yankee speculators and opportunists (and themselves) the chance to buy it up cheaply, the infamous carpetbagger regime divided Red Oak Camp into tracts which they sold in a piecemeal fashion. The first tract sold was one of 700 acres. It was bought by his former

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slave Aunt Rose who paid \$700.00 for it, (she earned money as a dressmaker). That was considered high at the time, as the Yankees had harassed her and the speculators had run up the price hoping to discourage her, but she was firm and prevailed. She then went to Maj. Blair, and gave him the deed as a gift. She had bought it to give it to him! Maj. Blair would not accept it, and told her to keep it always. Former slave Aunt Rose built a house there, and grew cotton for many years. When the central part of Red Oak Camp came up for sale, the part with the best land, the house, cemetery, outbuildings, etc., Maj. Blair's wife Sallie went to the sale and bought it. The men who had formerly been under his command and who had much affection for their leader attended the sale, (along with Maj. Blair's friend Gen. Chesnutt) in order to intimidate the cowardly Yankees and Carpetbaggers. This plan worked. Not one person bid against Sallie, and she bought the central tract of 5,000 acres for \$30.00!

Maj. Blair worked diligently to help redeem the State from the rule of the radical republican carpetbaggers and their collaborators. He became involved in politics, writing numerous articles, newspaper editorials and participated in numerous debates. He was editor of the local newspaper, the Kershaw Gazette from 1873-1878 in which he made a powerful influence. Also, he was one of two delegates from Kershaw Co. to assist with writing a new State constitution for South Carolina. This constitution recognized the emancipation of slaves, but did not give them the right to vote. He became a leader of the Greenback Party, his issues included denouncing discrimination against the negroes, lynchings, National Banks, and protective tariffs. He was leader of the Greenback party and in 1880, one year following the death of his wife became the Greenback Parties candidate for Governor of SC in 1880, running against Johnson Hagood. He conducted an aggressive campaign but failed to win. How close he came to winning the election is unknown, as there was much fraudulent voting at the time. While campaigning for the next governor's election July 4, 1882, Major LWR Blair was murdered on the street in Camden by Captain James Haile who was the tool of a group of conspirators. It seems that James Haile and Maj. Blair had had a confrontation in a Democratic Meeting the previous week, and Haile armed with a rifle had ordered him from the meeting. Subsequently Maj. Blair refused to apologize for accusations he had made about Haile. James Haile shot him 5 times, but was acquitted of the murder by the Bourbon fraudulent government at the time. James Haile subsequently began a 10 year career as sheriff of Kershaw County.

Rochelle's eldest daughter Lottie wrote in the Blair family bible "He fell a martyr in the cause of liberty and free government. A nobler, gentler, more fearless spirit than his does not exist on earth". Below this entry she added: "On Tuesday, August 22, 1882, Rochella, third daughter of LWR Blair, ended her young and glorious life voluntarily. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God". Rochella, who was 16 years of age, was extremely upset following her father's death, and killed her self by swallowing strychnine under the Blair pine tree near the base of the precipice behind Dixie's Retreat, their family home.

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I have the hat ⁶given to Rochelle by his daughter Rochella, which was worn by him at the time he was killed, as well as by Rochella when she killed herself. Picture of the hat is on P. 70.

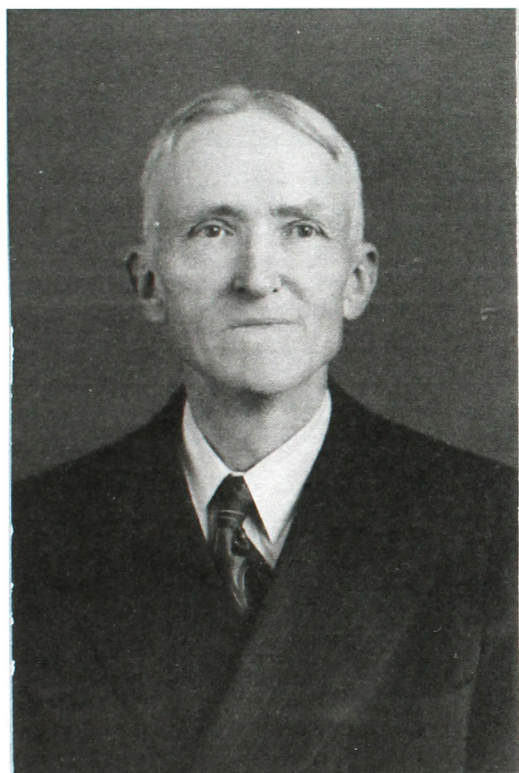
There were many problems during this time for Rochelle and his family: including burning and destruction of Red Oak Camp by Yankee Gen. Sherman, loosing large tracts of land at Red Oak Camp and at Log Town Cottage in Camden due to forced post war tax sales, death by hanging of his maternal grandfather Lovick Rochelle, suicide of his father Gen. James Blair, murder of LWR Blair, and the suicide of his daughter Rochella.

⁶ See picture of hat, P.70

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My grandfather JAMES WILLIAM BLAIR ⁷ was born in Camden SC at Daisy Farm, Dec. 1873⁸, the 6th child and only son of Lovick William Rochelle Blair and Sarah Workman⁹.

He married Matilda Frederick Barwald 24 Feb. 1898¹⁰ at age 25 in Atlanta GA. and died at age 75 of myocarditis 16 September 1949 at his home in Berkeley, CA ¹¹.



James William Blair
(1873-1949)



Matilda Barwald Blair
(1875-1947)

⁷ Blair Family Bible

⁸ Birth Certificate

⁹ 1900 Federal Census, Fulton Co. Georgia

¹⁰ Marriage License, Fulton Co., GA.

¹¹ Death Certificate

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James wife "Tillie" was born in Atlanta GA . 24 Feb. 1875¹² and died in Berkeley, CA. 21 July 1947 at age 72¹³, of a Cerebral hemorrhage and hypertension. Both are buried in the Sunset View Cemetery, El Cerrito, CA.



Tombstone, James W. Blair
Sunset Cemetery, El Cerrito, CA



James William Blair
about 1895



Tombstone, Matilda B. Blair

JAMES BLAIR: Both of his grandparents passed away before his birth, and his mother died before he was 6 and his father before he was 9 years of age, so thereafter while growing up he lived with his sisters, primarily with "Minnie" Strother at Fruithill Plantation, Saluda, SC., (see picture P. 71). He also lived for a time with his sister "Bessie" in Birmingham, and later with his sister "Lottie" in Atlanta. James attended a Business College in Atlanta. James's eldest sister Sarah Charlotte "Lottie" Blair, a locally highly respected business woman, at age 43 in 1904 conceived and promoted the establishment ACIPCO, the American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Birmingham, aided by her brother James. They saw the opportunity in Birmingham for a cast iron pipe company that could supply America's rapidly growing infrastructure. John J. Eagan provided initial investment, and became ACIPCO's first President. James Blair served as Company Treasurer, and Charlotte Blair as corporate Secretary in charge of sales. In about 1912, James was made ACIPCO sales manager for Northern California in San

¹² Birth Certificate

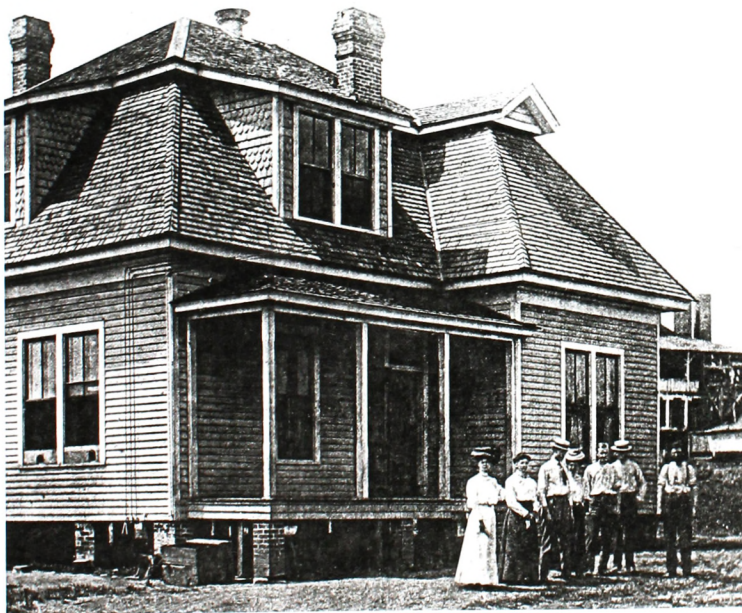
¹³ Death Certificate

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Francisco, and moved to Berkeley CA. with his wife and children. James also purchased ranch land in Concord CA.

He was able to have his sister Eva and her husband James Richardson move out to California to manage the ranch and James and Tilly moved into their Berkeley home at 38 Oakdale Ave., where they lived for the remainder of their lives. This was a very nice home which was only about 5 minutes from my family home. I fondly remember frequent Sunday visits to their home. They were compassionate caring friendly people. James retired from ACIPCO in 1916 at which time his son Rochelle Blair (my father) took over the position¹⁴of sales manager of ACIPCO Northern California with his office in San Francisco. My father commuted daily by ferry boat from Berkeley to San Francisco, then after the Bay Bridge was built by train. He enjoyed the commute as he had friends making the trip at the same time.

I was very surprised to learn from Ben Brannon that James Blair had been married prior to his marriage to Matilda Barwald in 1898. This had never been mentioned in my family, nor have I been able to locate any information to



First office building of American Cast Iron Pipe Co.
Birmingham, AL.

People l to rt.: Mrs. Linthecum; Miss Charlotte Blair; Paul A. Ivy; Mrs. J. W. Blair; J.J. Swenson' James W. Blair; Lee Talford. 1905



Retirement gold watch
from ACIPCO for JW Blair

¹⁴ The Birmingham Age Herald, September 21, 1949

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confirm it (such as a birth or marriage certificate) with the single exception of the record of the Blair Cemetery which was located at the Red Oak Camp Plantation in Chesterfield Co. SC.¹⁵ (this cemetery was vandalized, and only a few bricks but no cemetery stones remain today) so the accuracy of a previous marriage remains somewhat uncertain. The Blair Cemetery record states Sallie Workman Horton Blair, wife of James W. Blair and dau. of William Crowe Horton and Ellen Rugsley Farwell, born 28 Jan 1874 , died 16 July 1893 during or shortly after giving birth to a boy. Ben tells me the Boy was raised by Ben's great grand father William Henry Blair (who changed his last name from Blair to Brannan following the murder of LWR Blair) and that this boy named Ben Brannan married Ben's grandmother Alice Yarborough. If true, this mean this baby boy would be a half brother of my father. I remain doubtful that this story is true.

MATILDA BARWALD BLAIR AND THE BARWALD FAMILY:

Matilda, known as Tillie to the family, was born in Atlanta GA in 1875, and died at age 72 at their home in Berkeley, CA ., 21 July, 1947, leaving James a widower. Matilda's mother was Rosalind Lange, born in Kassel, Prussia in 1842 or 1843 who, at age 17, following her mothers death (about 1850) came to America with her father (name unknown) to visit relatives. They decided to stay and settled in Baltimore MD. It was in Baltimore that she met David Barwald, who also was born in Germany. After their marriage, they settled as a young couple in Atlanta, GA. David was in the wholesale tobacco business, and was appointed to the position of Postmaster in Americus, Sumter County GA. a position he held from 1869-1873.

CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN OF JAMES W. AND MATILDA BLAIR:

1. Rosalind Blair first born, married Sydney Smith M.D. They had two children:

A. **Sydney Kinnear Smith Jr.** Born 21 Aug., 1927 in Oakland. Died 14 Dec. 2003 age 76. On May 20, 1953 he married **Mary McEneany** who was born June 5, 1930 and died Jan.26, 2015 at age 84. They lived in Orinda.

Kinnear and Mary Smith had 2 children:

1. **Mark Edward Smith** born 23 August, 1955, and died Jan. 26, 2003. age 47. He married **Lesley King**. They had a son **Grant Edward Smith**, and a daughter **Claire Smith**. They lived in Fairfield.
2. **Andrew Blair Smith** of Walnut Creek, born 20 July 1962.

B. **Susanne Smith** born Jan. 11, 1935, died 14 Dec. 1999, from cancer at age 64. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley where she majored in French and was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa Key. She married Warren Addicott in 1955 and they settled in Portola Valley, CA.

Susanne and Warren Addicott had 2 children:

¹⁵ Kershaw county, South Carolina Cemetery Survey, vol 3, Pages 11 and 12 as a supplement publ. 1991
Also see Appendix B P. 107 of this report.

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1. **Carol Addicott**, born 23 Sept. 1960 Carol married **Ed. Kral**. They live in Morgan Hill, and have 2 children **Lacey and Dylan**.
2. **Eric Oliver Addicott** born 18 Sept. 1961. Married Christine Johnson of San Rafael, Feb. 2011. She has 2 children from a previous marriage, Nicole and Jake.

2. My father, Lovick William Rochelle Blair, born 9 Jan. 1900 in Atlanta, died 23 Aug. 1974 at age 74 in Palo Alto, CA. On 6 June 1923 he married my mother, **Eleanor Gladys Campbell** of San Francisco born 23 March 1901 and died 30 Nov., 1986, age 85 in Palo Alto, CA See Chapter 3, Generation 6, Pages 83-86 for details of their life and children.

3. James Blair Born in Birmingham Al. 14 March 1905. Tragically he died in an accident shortly after they arrived in Berkeley in 1912 age 7 in a bicycle accident near their home.

4. Narendra Elizabeth Blair born in Berkeley May 15, 1911. She married **Robert Herman Gerdes**, Chief Counsel, and later President of PG and E. They lived in Piedmont CA. She died Nov. 29, 1993 at age age 82 yrs. **They had 3 daughters, 7 grand children, and 2 great grand children.** Their three children include:

A. Sally Gerdes born 12 Nov. 1939, and died Nov. 16 of 2013, at age 74. On 27 Dec.1958 Sally married **Lawrence Wray** who was born 17 June, **Sally and Larry Wray had 3 children.**

1. **Mary Wray**, born 26 Nov. 1964 who married **Lindsay Deauville**. They live in San Jose and have 3 children, **Robert, Katie, and Michael**.
2. **Nancy Wray**, born 3 Jan. 1970. Married **Kevin Rummel**. Their children include **Drew and Jonathan**. They live in Fairfax Station VA.



Deauville's, l. to rt: Robert, Marv, Katie, Lindsay & Michael



Rummel's, l. to rt: Drew, Jonathan, Kevin & Nancy

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3. **Carolyn Wray**, born 23 April, 1975, married **Rio Wheeler**. They formerly lived in San Jose but moved to Austin TX in 2016 They have 2 children, **Riley**, born in Sept. 2004, and **Summer** born 23 March, 2009.
- B. **Anne Gerdes** born Mar. 3, 1941. 18 July, 1965. She married **Noel Duncan Vietmeyer**, who was born 9 Nov.1941. They live in Lorton, VA.
Anne and Noel have 3 children:
1. **Robert Vietmeyer** born 29 Jan. 1968
 2. **Blair Vietmeyer**, born 17 Feb. 1970
 3. **John Vietmeyer**, born 29 Nov. 1976
- C. **Barbara Jean Gerdes** born Feb. 28, 1946. married **Charles Elliott Brandes** 31 July, 1971. He was born 19 May, 1946.

Barbara and Charles Brandes have a daughter **Sarah Rochelle Brandes**, born Jan. 1976, who married **Jason Michaels** and they have 2 children **Natalie and Jonah**.



Sarah Brandes, dau. of
Barbara Brandes, with Bill 2011

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My mother and father
W. R. Blair (1900-1974) and
Eleanor Campbell Blair



My mother Eleanor Gladys Campbell
Blair (1901-1986)

My father, ROCHELLE BLAIR was named **Lovick William Rochelle Blair** after his grandfather, however never used the names Lovick or William, being known to family and friends as Rochelle, however he signed his name as W.R.Blair. He was born January 9, 1900 in Atlanta GA. the second of 4 children of James William Blair and his wife Matilda Barwald Blair. Rochelle's very early childhood was in Atlanta, but the family moved to Birmingham about 1905 when James W Blair and his sister Charlotte Blair were instrumental in founding the American Cast Iron Pipe Co. The family moved from there to Berkeley CA in 1912 when James W. Blair was transferred to California to become sales manager for ACIPCO there. Rochelle graduated from University High School in Oakland and attended the University of California, Berkeley where he met my mother Eleanor Gladys Campbell. My mother Eleanor was born 23 March 1901 in San Francisco, daughter of William Robert Lee Campbell and Harriet Sophia Stone. My parents were married at St. Marks Church in Berkeley 6 June 1923, he being 23, and she 22. My father died in the surgical operating room at Stanford Hospital following a heart attack while his surgeon was attempting repair of a left ventricular aneurysm, Aug. 23, 1974 at age 74 years. My mother died 30 Nov. 1986 at Stanford Hospital, Palo Alto at age 85, of a heart attack They are buried along side each other at the Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto.

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I was truly blessed having 2 wonderful, supportive, caring parents who were devoted to their children.

My father Rochelle Blair was a very talented, well organized, kind generous person who was extremely bright. He also was very mechanically inclined, being able to fix or repair virtually anything, an ability that unfortunately did not rub off onto me. They initially lived on Benvenue Ave. in Berkeley, but in 1927 purchased land opposite John Garber Park at 280 Stonewall Road Berkeley, where they built a lovely Spanish style home, in which my sister Jeannette and I grew up, and in which I have many fond memories of our family life together. Soon thereafter, my maternal grandmother Harriet Campbell built a wonderful home next door at 250 Stonewall Rd. The homes were connected with a narrow path, past a well and enabled us to very frequently visit my grandmother.

Rochelle Blair assumed the position of manager of the San Francisco Office of ACIPCO in about 1926, from his father, a position he held for 38 years until his retirement. He was offered the position of Sales Manager for ACIPCO which would have meant he and his family would move back to Birmingham, but instead he chose to retire at age 60, and remain in California. During this time Dad commuted daily from Berkeley on the Key System train, and then a ferry boat to San Francisco, until the S.F. Oakland Bay Bridge was completed, after which time the trains went on the bridge to S.F. Rochelle was active in many civic and social organizations including the Claremont Club of Berkeley, Discussion Club of the East Bay, and the Kiwanis Club of San Francisco.

In Sept. 1918 at age 18 he registered for the Military Draft while a student at UC Berkeley, but fortunately World War 1 ended just before he was about to be sent overseas to Europe in the Army. On his draft form he was described as being slender with blue eyes, and brown hair. He was active in the SATC, the Student Army Training Corp at U.C. Berkeley.

Eleanor Campbell Blair, wife of Rochelle was born 23 March 1901 in San Francisco. She was a lovely lady, always well dressed, a loving generous kind wonderful wife and mother, who loved her family. She encouraged her children to reach high and achieve, and that they could become anything they wanted to be.

Eleanor and her parents and sister Harriet following the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 in which their home on the north side of California St. just



Gold watch given to Rochelle Blair upon retirement from ACIPCO

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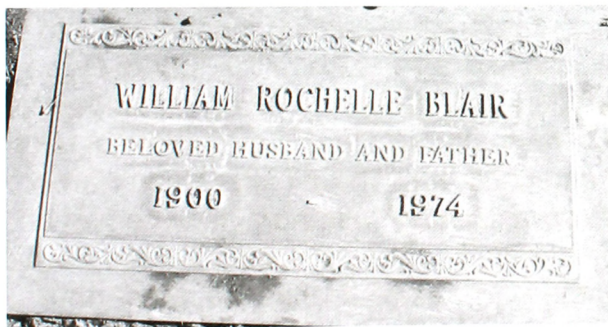
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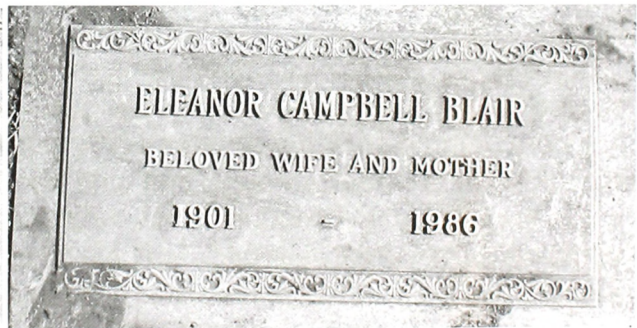
west of Van Ness Ave. was burned, were able to get to Golden Gate Park with a horse drawn wagon caring some of their valued possessions including surprisingly a large beautiful grandfather clock which had been given to Eleanor's father William Robert Lee Campbell, as past master of the S.F. Masonic Lodge, and which I now have in my living room.(see picture P. 101). Following the fire and earthquake, Eleanor along with her parents and sister Harriet moved to Berkeley where they had a large brick home on Claremont Blvd. Eleanor graduated from High School at Anna Head School in Berkeley, and received her AB degree from the University of California, Berkeley 17 Dec. 1921, where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. Eleanor and Rochelle had a very active social life with many friends and loved to travel. They made several trips to Europe and Japan. Following Rochelle's retirement, they travelled around the world, on a 5 month long journey in 1960.

As they grew older, the long flight of stairs from the street down to their lovely home at 280 Stonewall Rd. Berkeley, became more challenging, so in the 1960's they moved to another beautiful home in Oakland just off Broadway Terrace. Following Rochelle's death in 1974 Eleanor moved to a smaller but very nice condo adjacent to the Claremont Country Club, and then spent the last 5 years of her life in the Channing House Retirement Community in Palo Alto which she thoroughly enjoyed and where she made many friends. It was so convenient for me and my family to frequently visit with her there.

My father and mother are buried side by side in the Alta Mesa Cemetery, Palo Alto CA.



William Rochelle Blair 1900-1974



Eleanor Campbell Blair 1901-1986

Rochelle and Eleanor Blair had 2 children:

1. **William Campbell Blair**, born 13 April, 1925 (for detailed information see Chap. 1). had 2 children with wife Sharon Racine, Robert and Scott Blair (Pictures in Chap. 1).
 - A. **Robert Campbell Blair** born Nov. 15, 1960 in Palo Alto. Following graduation from Menlo Atherton High School in Menlo Park he graduated from the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott AZ. There he alternated flying and academic courses on alternate days. He loved flying F-16 Fighter planes in the Air Force, serving in Japan, Europe and Turkey. He rose to the rank of Captain

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in the US Air Force. Following that he worked at the UCSF Medical Center in their Tech Department, a position he also greatly enjoyed. Bob's home in Daly City was extremely nice, located high above the Pacific Ocean with a great view to the Farallone Islands. His back deck had a hot tub on it—really super.

B. **Scott William Blair** born Feb. 19, 1963 in Palo Alto. Following graduation from Mid-Peninsula High School, he attended Chico State and San Diego State Universities. He has been a conscientious hard worker and currently works at Surface Engineering in Sunnyvale California. His hard work and devotion to very detailed work makes his father very proud of him. Scott married **Linda Jean Ingenthron** in early 1987 and Linda and Scott had a child, **Holly Anne Blair**, born Oct. 22, 1987, my first grandchild. Feb. 20, 2009, Holly married **Nathan Winfield Brown**. They have two marvelous children **Bradley Brown** born June 20, 2010, and **Hannah Brown** born May 7, 2012, (see pictures Pages 23 & 24 of Chap. 1)). I am very proud of my 2 great grandchildren, only wish they lived closer so I could see them more often. Secondly, Scott married **Laura Ann Watson** in 1994. Laura was born March 30, 1970, and they have a beautiful daughter named **Jennifer Katelyn Blair**, my second grand daughter who was born Jan. 18, 1995 and now is in college in Chico. (For Photos see Chap. 1).

2. **Jeannette Eleanor Blair** (my sister), was born in Oakland, CA. 7 June 1927. She and I had great fun together as we grew up. She graduated from the Anna Head High School in Berkeley prior to attending the Univ. of California, Berkeley, where she was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. She left U.C. Berkeley about 6 months before graduation to get married. She intended to return and graduate from U.C. Berkeley, sometime when her husband was away on sea duty, but family and other demands kept her from doing so. She married **James Henry Doyle Jr.**, who was a classmate of mine in our senior year at Berkeley High who had come there from Hawaii after Pearl Harbor in the beginning of World War II. James's father was a Navy Vice Admiral, who had an outstanding Navy career which included Commander of U.S. Amphibious Forces Pacific during World War II. Adm. Doyle was onboard the USS Missouri with Gen. MacArthur when the U.S. War with Japan ended. Jeannette married **James Henry Doyle Jr.** who was born 27 March 1925 on his graduation day from Annapolis June 6, 1946. They moved frequently during his Naval career, while raising 3 children. Like his father, James also became a Vice Admiral, serving as Vice Chief of Naval Operations for the Surface Fleet. They had a very lovely home in Bethesda MD. As Jeannette's health problems mounted, they moved to the Knollwood Military Retirement Residence in Washington DC where Jim continued to live following Jeannette's death at age 84 years, 16 January, 2011. She died of complications of diabetes and dementia, and is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Jeannette and Jim have 3 children:

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1. **Kathleen Jeannette Doyle**, born 14 March 1949, Naval Hospital Oakland. On 29 June, 1974 she married **Charles Michael Watson** who was born 17 July 1946. The Watson's live in Bourne Texas, and have **2 children**.

- A. **Alice Rochelle Watson** born 5 May 1978. She married **Jason Ahuero**. Both Alice and Jason are M.D's. Alice is certified in Internal medicine and Radiology, and Jason is an Orthopedic Surgeon. **Alice and Jason live in Birmingham, AL., and have 2 children:**

1. **Abigail "Abby"** born 30 June 2007, and 2. **Kathleen Ahuero**

- B. **Laura Anne Watson** married **Brian Douglas Racine** 9 May 2009. **Laura and Brian have 2 children:**

1. **Jackson James Racine** and

2. **Hannah Blair Racine** born 4/26/2015.

2. **James Henry Doyle III**, born 16 April 1952, Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD. He married **Patricia Ambrose Mayer** and settled in Tiburon CA. where after graduation from law school, he was a reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, and subsequently became a reporter for the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Following that he moved to St. Petersburg Florida where he pursues his interests in writing and film projects. I understand he also has a large sailboat which he keeps at Annapolis.

Jim and Pat have 2 children:

- A. **Allison:** Following graduation from Georgetown she has been engaged in various theater projects in Chicago and may be considering going to law school.

- B. **Katherine:** Following graduation from the London School of Economics, she settled in the Washington DC area, with a job in Virginia.

3. **Anne Jeannette Doyle**, born 20 May, 1956, Naval Hospital, Oakland. She married **Bruce Cauthen** 28 June, 1986. They settled in Richmond VA. Following their divorce, after 20 years of marriage, Anne moved to New York, and is living in the Bronx.

Anne and Bruce have 1 child

- A. A daughter **Eleanor Anne** born 29 Aug. 1989. Anne has excelled in the very competitive area of singing. She has been a member of the Collegiate Chorale for a number of years, and also the choir of St. John the Divine. Among her engagements have been performances with Zubin Mehta in Israel and the Salzburg Music Festival in Austria.



James Doyle, son of my sister Jeannette and James Doyle

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Brian, VADM. James Doyle, Laura and Jackson Racine, 2014



WEDDING RECEPTION, Anne Doyle and Bruce Cauthen 28 June, 1986 held at the Chevy Chase Club, Washington, D.C.

Back row left to right: Kathy and Michael Watson,(My sister Jeannette's daughter and husband), Bill Blair, Jeannette and Jim Doyle, (my sister and her husband), Bob Blair(my son), and James Doyle, my sister's son).

Front row: Barbara Brandes, Ann Vietmeyer, Betty Blair, (my wife), Narendra Gerdes, (my father's sister) Eleanor Blair (my mother) and Patricia Doyle wife of Jeannette's son Jim). The 2 children are not identified.

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Kathy and Michael Watson's Christmas Card, 2015:
Left to right standing: Brian Racine, Laura Racine, Hannah Blair Racine (born Apr. 26, 2015), Kathy and Michael Watson, Alice and Jason Ahuero.
Seated: Jackson James Racine (3), Abby Ahuero (8), and Kathleen Ahuero (5)

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JOHN CAMPBELL AND MARY EDWARDS

My mother Eleanor Blair's maiden name was Campbell her father being William Robert Lee Campbell. Her mother's maiden name was Stone, Harriet Sophia Stone. Chapter 4 will detail my Campbell and Chapter 5 my Stone ancestors, starting with the earliest information we have and proceeding in a descending manner.

1. MY CAMPBELL ANCESTORS:

Major John Campbell, my immigrant Campbell ancestor and my 5th maternal great grand father was born in 1730 in Scotland, probably in Edinburgh, lived for a time in Northern Ireland, and died in Guilford Co. NC 1793 age 63.

Parents of John Campbell: Mormon Church IGI Individual Records indicate John Campbell's parents (my 6th great grand parents) were James Campbell, "Captain of Foot" born in Kilmachrenan, Donnegal Co., Northern Ireland about 1682 and died Nov. 5, 1753 in Beverly Manor, Augusta Co. VA. and his **wife Margaret Beard** born 1683 Donnegal Co. Ireland, and died 1780 Augusta Co. VA. James and Margaret married in 1707, in Londonderry. (No primary source for this information regarding John Campbell's parents is given.)

Date of Maj. John Campbell's immigration to American from Scotland is not known, however it was before the Revolutionary War, and before 1755, for in 1755 at age 24, in Guilford Co. NC. John Campbell married Mary Ann Edwards age 21, who was born in 1734 in Orange Co. NC. and died July 4, 1805 in Guilford Co. NC. age 64. Mary Edwards father was John Edwards Jr., (1710-1801) who was born in Dinwiddie Co. VA. and her mother was Mary Stokes of Sussex Co. VA. born in 1720.

Maj. John Campbell served in the Revolutionary War. He was commissioned Captain April 5, 1779. In Feb. 1782 he was serving with the North Carolina Line, under Brig. Gen. Summer. I have not located any other information regarding his Army service.

John Campbell obtained an Orange Co. North Carolina Land Grant ¹ of 300 acres on the Trading path the west side of Haw River in 1761. He was a farmer following his Army service.

The will of John Campbell's wife Mary Edwards Campbell, which was written as a widow in 1805 and probated in 1806² has been a great help in establishing members of this part of the Campbell family. It establishes her maiden name as Edwards, her two

¹ Orange Co. Land grant Book 14, Page 355 issued Sept. 2, 1761

² North Carolina State Archives, Wills Number A-65

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sons as James Campbell (1/4 of sale proceeds), and Archibald Campbell, (1/4 of sale proceeds) and it also mentions her grandson James Campbell (son of Archibald) who married Sarah Park in 1791, (a gold watch), and her grand daughter Polly Campbell daughter of her son James (1 suit of wearing clothes, 2 cows and calves, 6 tea spoons, 1/2 of my cupboard furniture). Also mentioned in her will is her niece Sarah Covey (other 1/2 of my cupboard furniture, all my geese, and the rest of my wearing clothes), and her beloved nephew Edward Edwards 1/4 of sale proceeds, and Levin 1/4 of sale proceeds.

MARY EDWARDS FAMILY ANCESTRY:

John Edwards Jr, father of Mary Edwards, wife of John Campbell, was born 1710 in Dinwiddie Co. VA. soon after the arrival in America of his father John Edwards Sr, and his wife Mary Stokes from Wales.³ John Edwards Sr. died in Bute Co. NC in 1765. Children of John Edwards Sr. and wife Mary Stokes included: Two daughters, one of whom Mary Edwards (married John Campbell in Orange Co.), and 7 sons, who included John, David, Sylvaes, Richard, Henry William and Edward. Family lore indicates 3 fought on the British side and 3 on the American side during the Revolutionary War, and 4 were killed during the War.

CHILDREN OF JOHN CAMPBELL AND MARY EDWARDS:

1. **Archibald Campbell:** My 4th great grand father, Born 1756 in Hillsboro, Orange Co. NC, married Rebecca Kirk, Jan. 1, 1784 and died 1820 in Guilford Co. NC. This marriage to Rebecca Kirk was too late for her to be the mother of James Campbell born in 1771, so must have been a second marriage for Archibald, however to date I have ben unable to locate a first wife for him. (See Chapter 4 Generation 2 Page 92 for more details regarding Archibald.)
2. **James Campbell** Born 1758, died July 19, 1842, Brown Marsh, NC. and married Katherine Lamon at age 28, April 12, 1786 in Bladen Co. NC. Katherine Lamon b. 1759 and d. 18 June 1822 in Bladen Co. NC. They had 11 children.
3. **Martha Campbell** Born 1760 d 1820 Bedford, TN age 60. She married Abraham Whinery Feb. 17 1785, at age 19, in Orange Co. NC. He was b. 1764; d. 1820 They had 7 children. Ross Smith a current descendant of this branch of the family informs us that family lore indicates our Campbell's were direct descendants of the Dukes of Argyll, descending from a brother of the Duke who is thought to have come to America in the mid 1700's. In communication with Ruby G. Campbell PhD., Genealogist of the Clan Campbell Society North America in 2010 she was unable to provide any information confirming this. This may be an interesting lead and certainly warrants further research.

³ Article in Chatanooga Sunday Times Aug 26, 1934 quoting a Journal written Jan. 6, 1855 by Col. R.M. Edwards, publisher.

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ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, my 4th great grandfather, was the first born child of John Campbell and Mary Edwards ⁴. He was born in 1756 in Hillsboro, Orange Co., NC. He was named in his mother Mary Edward's will (see section above). We have no information on his early childhood.

Archibald acquired a Land Grant in 1780 ⁵ which he shared with his brother James of 300 acres located on the Mairs Fork of the Haw River, Guilford Co. NC., located adjacent to the 300 acre land grant of their father John Campbell. (It is possible this land grant was inherited from their father John). Archibald and James farmed this land.

Archibald was married to Rebecca Kirk in 1784 ⁶ in Orange CO. This was too late for Rebecca to be mother of James born about 1773. However, I assume there probably had been an earlier marriage, but I have not been able to find any record of it..

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD:

1. Archibald had a son James Campbell born about 1773. We know this from his grandmother Mary Edwards (widow of John Campbell) Will which designated a gift of 1/4 of the sale of the proceeds to her grandson James, son of Archibald.
Archibald died in 1820. Place of burial unknown.

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JAMES CAMPBELL, my 3rd great grandfather, born about 1773 in Guilford Co. NC. In 1791 at about age 18 James married Sarah Park, in Randolph County, daughter of Samuel and Mary Park. They had 5 children . James died before 1821

⁴ FamilySearch IGI IndividualRecord, Batch # F503056, Sheet 010 Call @ 1553185, Film

⁵ Guilford Co. NC Land Grant issued Mar. 1, 178j0, Grant No. 249, Entry No. 141, Book No. 33, Page 295

⁶ North Carolina Marriage Bonds 1741-1868

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CHILDREN OF JAMES CAMPBELL AND SARAH PARK:

1. Pleasant I Campbell, born 1791. Was a physician. Was appointed guardian to his nephew John Lindsay Campbell following death of Pleasant's brother Samuel Campbell
2. Samuel Campbell, my 2nd gt. grandfather born 1793, and died at age 32 years in 1840. He married Mary Lindsay, b. 1796 and d.1841, They had 5 children (See Generation 4, P. 93).
3. Polly Campbell, b. 1795, d. 1821 married Robert Moore b. 1797
4. Sarah Park Campbell, b. 1797 m. Rowlin Crump b.1795
5. John Lindsay Campbell, b. 1799

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Samuel Campbell, the 2nd born child of James Campbell and Sarah Park, was born in 1793 in in Guilford Co. North Carolina. He was my 2nd maternal great grandfather. Samuel married Mary "Polly" Lindsay in 7 Aug. 1816 in Rockingham Co. NC.⁷ She was the daughter of John Lindsay and Elizabeth (Mary) Wilson. Samuel Campbell was an attorney in Greensboro NC as well as a farmer.

They had 5 children:⁸

1. John Lindsay Campbell B 16 Oct. 1817 in Rockingham Co. His 3rd marriage was to Elizabeth McCaughey in 1857. He is is buried in Lodi Miss.
2. Sarah Park Campbell b. 29 Feb. 1819, in Guilford Co. She married Benjamin Settle 18 Dec. 1845 and died 8 July 1894 in Moscow, Fayette Co. TN.
3. James Addison Campbell, born 8 Oct. 1820 On 10 Sept. 1846 he married Susan Mock, and died 23 July 1886. He was a farmer and a merchant and lived in High Point NC.
4. Mary Elizabeth Campbell, born 11 Aug. 1822
5. Samuel Duncan Campbell born 17 April 1824 and died 2 April 1875 in Suisun CA. He was my maternal great grandfather. (See Generation 5, P. 95-97 for details).

⁷ NC Marriage Bonds 1741 1868 Rowan Co. Record # 01 051

⁸ Family work sheet from genealogist and family descendant Ross Smith

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Samuel Campbell died without a will, 21 July 1824 at the young age of 32 when his children were all young: John was 7, Sarah was 5, James was 4, Elizabeth 2, and Samuel Duncan only 2 months and 8 days.

Their mother Mary "Polly" was a widow for 17 years following Samuel's death.

On a visit to the NC State Archives in Durham I obtained copies of several legal documents which in combination with land records greatly helped establish the descendants of Maj John Campbell and his wife Mary Edwards. These included:

Mary Campbell's will (Ref. 2, P. 90) establishes that her maiden name was Edwards, and that they had 2 sons Archibald and James who shared a land grant adjacent to that of their father John Campbell located on Mares Fork of the Haw River in Northern Guilford Co. NC. Also that Archibald had a son James (their grandson) who married Sarah Park.

Another document which in July 1830 appointed Dr. Pleasant I. Campbell who was an uncle of Samuel's 5 minor children to be their guardian. It listed the 5 minor children's names as listed above.

Another legal document dated Jan. 18, 1824 appointed Samuel Campbell to be their attorney regarding a suit by Jacob Brazill who owned land adjacent to the land grant of Archibald and James Campbell, claiming a portion of Campbell's land belonged to him by convergence. This suit named: Sarah Park, widow of James Campbell deceased, and guardian of their son John Lindsay b. 1799, and Robert Moore surviving husband of Polly Campbell deceased, daughter of James Campbell, and Rowlin Crump and wife Sarah Park Crump, son-in law and daughter of James Campbell.

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SAMUEL DUNCAN CAMPBELL, M.D.
AND 2ND WIFE JULIA TURNER

SAMUEL DUNCAN CAMPBELL, my maternal great grandfather was born 17 April 1824 in Greensboro, Guilford County, NC, and died at age 51 years 3 April 1875 in Suisun City, Solano Co. CA. Samuel Duncan Campbell was the 5th and last child and 3rd son of Samuel Campbell and his wife Mary "Polly" Lindsay both of Greensboro NC. His father Samuel Campbell died at the very young age of 32 years. His mother Mary Lindsay was a widow for 17 years after her husband's death, so died when Samuel Duncan was 17 years old.

We have very little information on the early life and schooling of Samuel Duncan in North Carolina. In July of 1830 his uncle Dr. Pleasant I. Campbell was appointed

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guardian to the 5 minor children. Then in 1838 Allen Peeples was appointed guardian for the heirs of Samuel Campbell deceased. Also, in 1842 Samuel Duncan Campbell and his sister Elizabeth, both minors, successfully sued their guardian who at that time was their older brother John Lindsay Campbell before the Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in Greensboro for \$3,000. he owed them plus damages of \$1,500. ⁹

Following are some highlights of the life of S.D. Campbell:

1. At the age of 22 years, he received his M.D, degree from the University of the City of New York Medical Department, now known as the New York University School of Medicine. ¹⁰

Following that he practiced medicine in Charleston SC, Norfolk VA, prior to moving to Suisun CA.

2. In 1854 when 30 years of age , he was awarded 6 beautiful silver goblets and 2 large silver pitchers by the City of Augusta GA. Each is engraved "Awarded to Dr. Samuel Duncan Campbell by the City of Augusta a memorial of gratitude for his services during the pestilence of 1854", (The Yellow Fever epidemic in Augusta in 1854). I have 2 of these goblets, and my 1st cousin Harriet Griffith has 2 goblets plus a large pitcher. This

Silver pitcher and goblets
awarded to Dr. S.D. Campbell
by the City of Augusta, GA
1854.



was about 50 years before it was known that mosquitoes transmitted the disease.

3. In 1856 at age 32, he married Susan McCormick of Norfolk VA.

4. In 1856 he was awarded a gold medal by the Howard Society of Norfolk VA for his work as a volunteer with victims of the Yellow Fever epidemic.

⁹ Guardianship and other legal documents, NC State Archives, Durham, NC.

¹⁰ Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of California 1874-1875 P. 163-164

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The Howard Association, a benevolent organization, was formed in Norfolk, VA. during the 1856 Yellow Fever Epidemic which killed 1 in 3 residents of Norfolk. Contributions were used to set up a hospital and an orphanage to feed the hungry and to bury the dead. The 1855 Yellow Fever epidemic is said to have begun when infected persons arrived aboard a ship.



Gold Medal awarded by the
Howard Society to Dr. S.D.
Campbell. 1856.

5. In 1861 he was an Assistant Surgeon, Confederate States Army, serving in Louisiana.
6. In 1863 at age 39, he and his wife Susan McCormick traveled by horse drawn wagon train, a trip of several months and of several thousand miles, from St. Louis to California, along the "Oregon-California" Trail. Along the way his wife and baby died in childbirth and were buried along side the wagon trail. In California, he settled in Suisun City, Solano Co., a city north of San Francisco bay where he practiced medicine until his death. He arrived in California about 1 year before Lincoln was assassinated and about 30 years before the first transcontinental train, but after the main part of the Gold Rush to California.
7. In Suisun, he was a highly respected physician, practiced general medicine, and was a founding member of the Solano County Medical Society. In 1865 he had his office

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over the Stockman Drug Store, and a local newspaper indicated that while riding a horse making a house call, he fell injuring his ankle.

8. At age 43, he married Julia A Turner of Suisun, 24 April, 1867. She was 20 years old, 23 years younger than he.



Julia Turner

9. They attended the Methodist Church, and he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Suisun

10. In Suisun, he was a member of the Suisun Light Dragons, which later were mustered into the California National Guard.

He died April 3, 1875 in Suisun CA age 51 due to "Pericarditis and Pneumonia". His wife Julia lived as a widow for 17 1/2 years dying in 1893. Both he and his wife Julie are buried next to each other in the Turner Family lot in the Fairfield Suisun Cemetery.

Tombstone of Samuel
Duncan Campbell
Fairfield Suisun Cemetery.
with Masonic Symbol
at the top.



CHILDREN OF SAMUEL DUNCAN CAMPBELL AND JULIA TURNER

1. **Palmerston Campbell** was born first, on May 3, 1868. We do not know why the unusual name of Palmerston was chosen for him. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and received his M.D. degree from Northwestern Medical School in St. Louis, MO. Following graduation from medical school in 1890, he returned to Suisun where he married Mary Eliza Hatch (1868-1968) in June of 1890. She was dau. of Augustus T. Hatch born in Elkhart Indiana and Mary Graham of Suisun. In June of 1901 he began his medical practice in Richmond CA. where he became a prominent compassionate physician. In 1905 he was named a Lt. Colonel in the California National Guard where he served as Aide-de-Camp serving on the staff of Gov. Enoch Pardee, where he was in charge of the State medical aid during the fire and earthquake

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in San Francisco in 1906. In Nov. 1906 he was elected as a Republican to the California State Assembly from Contra Costa County, where he served one term. In that position he served as Chairman of the House Committee on Public Health and Quarantine.

Palmerston and Mary had 5 children, Duncan Hatch Campbell, born Jan. 16, 1893; Helen Campbell, born July 18, 1891; John Lindsay Campbell, born May 30, 1908; Juliet Campbell born Feb. 20, 1896; and Palma Augusta Campbell born April 17, 1906. All were born in Pt. Richmond, CA.

2. The second child, my maternal grandfather **William Robert Lee Campbell**, (SEE NEXT SECTION, for details, CHAPTER 4, GENERATION 6, P. 98-103).

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William Robert Lee Campbell
1871-1927



Harriet Sophia Stone
Campbell
1873-1960

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William Robert Lee Campbell, my maternal grandfather, was born in Suisun California, July 30, 1871, son of Dr. Samuel Duncan Campbell and Julia A. Turner. He was known to the family as "Willie" and was in the Insurance and Brokerage Business in San Francisco, where at age 21 he married my grandmother **Harriet Sophia Stone** 14 June 1892. She was born in San Francisco, Jan. 16, 1873, the only child of Lucius Dean Stone and Idella Lydia Baker (Stone). How Idella Lydia Baker (my maternal great grand mother) met and married Lucius Dean Stone. is a fascinating story told in detail in the section on Lucius Dean Stone (Chap. 5 Gen. 19 Page 111-113).

Following their marriage, WRL Campbell and Harriet Stone Campbell lived at 1618 California St. San Francisco, a couple of blocks west of Van Ness Ave. This home was given to them as a wedding present by Lucius Dean Stone's mother Sophia Babbitt Stone who lived with them for about a year, until she died in 1893 in her 90's

For additional information on the on the Stone and Babbitt Families, see Chapter 5 P. 107. WRL Campbell was Master of the Masonic Lodge in San Francisco for which service he was awarded a beautiful grandfather clock, 15 December 1902, which I now am the proud owner of.



California St. Home of WRL Campbell prior to the 1906 fire and earthquake. The girl on the steps behind the dog is Harriet Sophia Campbell



The Billiard Room of Lucius Dean Stone's home at 2520 Howard St., S.F. In this home my grandparents WRL Campbell and Harriet Sophia Stone were married June 14, 1892 My gt. grandmother Idella Lydia Stone mother of Harriet Sophia Stone is standing in the picture of the room.

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Mr. & Mrs. L. I. Stone
desire the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Harriet I.
to
Mr. William R. L. Campbell,
on Tuesday June fourteenth,
at twelve o'clock,
2520 Howard Street,
San Francisco.
1892.

June 18, 1892.

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A second home wedding, which took place on Tuesday, was that of Miss Harriet Stone, who was married to William R. L. Campbell at the residence of her father on Howard street at the hour of noon. The music of the Lohengrin wedding chorus was heard as the bridal party entered the front parlor, and standing beneath an exquisite wedding bell of white roses which was suspended in the bay window, they were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. E. B. Church, of St. Luke's, on Van Ness avenue. The bride, who was attired in an elegant traveling dress of tanned cloth, combined with silk of the same hue, was attended by Miss Viola Rodgers as bridesmaid; Albert Parsons supported the groom as best man. The dining-room in which the wedding breakfast was served was made beautiful with yellow flowers, the marguerite predominating, and many toasts were drunk to the health and happiness of the bride and groom. After the return of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell from Del Monte, whither they departed by the afternoon train, they will reside at 1618 California street, and will be at home to their friends on the first and third Thursday of the month, commencing with July.

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William Robert Lee Campbell
S.F. Masonic Lodge



Badge of Master
Of Masonic Lodge



WRL Campbell for his service as master of the San Francisco Masonic Lodge, was awarded this beautiful grandfather clock, 15 December 1902, which today I am so fortunate as to have in my living room. It keeps accurate time and we love to hear it chime.

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San Francisco's huge fire and earthquake of 1906, completely destroyed the Campbell home at 1618 California Street, and the family moved out to Golden Gate Park by horse drawn wagon where they camped for about a week. I am amazed by the things they were able to save and take with them, among which were the beautiful grandfather clock given to him as past Master of the Masonic Lodge in San Francisco, (see P. 101) and some formal dinner dishes and silver ware which I am fortunate to have.



One of plates saved
from 1906 fire and
earthquake

Following the fire and earthquake the family moved to North Berkeley, and soon thereafter established their home at 2815 Claremont Blvd. a lovely large brick home in Berkeley. They also owned property at the Diablo Country Club and also at Summer Home Park on the Russian River each of which my parents, sister and I greatly enjoyed staying in for 1 month each summer in each place. My grandmother would also alternate between the two vacation homes staying with us..



4 generations.

Left to right: Idella Lydia Baker, my gt. gr. mother; Harriet Stone Campbell, my grand mother; Eleanor Gladys Campbell my mother, and the 2 months old baby in my mothers lap is William C. Blair

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In the 1900 Federal Census, their household on California St. in San Francisco consisted of WRL Campbell, age 29, head, Harriet Stone wife; daughter Harriet R. age 1 and mother in law Idella Lydia Baker Stone age 50. WRL Campbell is listed as a cashier, and Lucius Stone as a Capitalist. They also had 3 live in servants, Wo Chung age 30, Chinese; and 2 from Sweden: A.H. Fitzenage 25 and Borrister Johanna also 25.

In the 1920 census, Eleanor G. Campbell age 18 (to be my mother), Idella Stone age 72 is there as is 1 servant, but Lucius Stone has passed away.

WRL Campbell died there 21 years later, Aug. 25, 1927 at age 56. He died following several strokes and hypertension.

WRL Campbell was a wonderful man but I was only 2 1/2 years old when he died, so I did not get to really know my grandfather. I understand he was extremely proud of me, his first grandson.

Following death of WRL Campbell, my maternal grandmother **Harriet Sophia Campbell**, known to us as Nana moved into a lovely home she built next door to ours on Stonewall Rd. in Berkeley, (her home was 250, and ours 280 Stonewall Rd). This made it possible for us to visit frequently. Her home was a beautiful Spanish style home with a great view to the west across the bay to San Francisco, and East to my family home at 280 Stonewall Rd. Her mother was Idella Lydia Baker born in Massachusetts, and her father was Lucius L. Stone, born in New York. Harriet Sophia Stone married WRL Campbell when she was 21 years of age, 14 June 1892, at the home of her father on Howard St. in S.F. She died July 13, 1960, 33 years after her husband died, and both are buried (cremated) in the California Crematorium, in Oakland. She died at age 87 following several strokes, myocardial infarction, Arteriosclerosis, and Diabetes Mellitus

WRL Campbell and Harriet Campbell had 2 children:

Harriet Roberta Campbell born 22 Oct. 1898, and my mother **Eleanor Gladys Campbell** born Mar. 23, 1901, both born in San Francisco.

1. Harriet Roberta Campbell married Frederick Arthur Webster II and they lived in El Cerrito where he was an executive with Standard Oil Co. of California.

Harriet and Art had 2 children, my first cousins:.

A. **Harriet Webster** born Oct. 13, 1925 married Robert Leithold Griffith of Woodland CA. Roberta graduated from UC Berkeley in 1948, where he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and its president for a year. During WW II he served in the Army Air Corps as a P-47 pilot winning the Distinguished Flying Cross. Initially he owned a pharmacy, later was a realtor in Woodland until his retirement. He also served as

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President of the Woodland Rotary Club. Bob died rather suddenly of cancer Jan. 27, 2015 at age 90.

Bob and Harriet have 2 children:

1. **Sally Harriet Griffith** was born April 18, 1961. She married Jim Morrison of Woodland. They have 2 children, **Michelle and James Morrison.**

Sally is a great help for her mother Harriet who as a widow remains in her Woodland home.

2. **Gary Webster Griffith** , born Feb. 26, 1957. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BS degree in Electrical and Computer engineering, and a MS degree in divinity and theology from the Talbot School of Theology. In 1992 he was ordained a minister and commissioned a missionary, and has been serving as a missionary in Bulgaria. For the past few years he has been serving as a missionary in North Carolina. He married **Karen Dudley** who is a graduate of Biola University with a B.S, in intercultural studies. Gary and **Karen work together as missionaries. Gary and Karen have 2 children: Stephen born Jan. 1998, and David born June 2, 1999.**

B. **Frederick Arthur (Buzz) Webster, III**, was born in Oakland CA. 29 Dec. 1926. In 1953 at age 26 he married **Joan Heiner** who was born Jan. 20, 1929. They have 2 children:

1. **Susan Bergevin** of Michigan

Who has one son, Matthew Webster Bergevin.

2. **Ann Smith** of Scottsdale AZ.

In 1943 Buzz Webster at age 17, enlisted in the Navy where he served until the end of WW 11 as an Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) swimmer. Following his service in the Navy, he attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he became a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and received a bachelor's degree in 1950, an MBA in 1951 and a PhD in 1965.

In 1965 he began his career in teaching at the Univ. of British Columbia, following that he taught at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and finally as a full professor Saginaw State Univ. in Michigan. Buzz and Joan retired in Arizona where they built a home in Pinetop, AZ where they lived from 1991. Buzz died Nov. 4, 2013

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2. The 2nd child of WRL Campbell and Harriet Campbell was my mother Eleanor Gladys Campbell Blair. See Chapter 3, Generation 6, P. 83-85 for details of my parents. Rochelle and Eleanor Blair.



My cousin Harriet Griffith, her son-in-law Jim Morrison, his wife and Harriet's daughter Sally Morrison, Harriets's son Gaary Griffith, his wife Karen Griffith and their children Stephen and David. 2015



Harriet Griffith's 90th birthday
L. to rt: Harriet, Bea Heggie, Bill Blair and Laura Waste.

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STONE FAMILY ANCESTRY: ¹¹

The ancestors of my Stone family are of English origin, predominately Anglo-Saxon in origin, and were members of the Yeoman class. The Yeoman class represented a large percentage of the population and were practically serfs of the soil. They could not move from the manor, and their children remained villeins (also called yeomen). They worked for the lord of the manor.

The Stone family were among the earliest settlers in New England. My immigrant Stone ancestor was Gregory Stone, born in 1592 (for details see next section). My maternal grandmother Harriet Sophia Stone descends from this family.

From about 1300, (for over three centuries) prior to the emigration to New England by Gregory Stone and his family there are recorded 10 generations of his Stone family ancestors, (see Ref. 11) who lived in Little Bently, Ardleigh and Great Bromley parishes, co. Essex, England. This location was about 55 miles northeast of London, and about 4 miles from the borough of Colchester.

English ancestors of Deacon Gregory Stone include the **following 10. generations:**

1. WALTER ATTE STONE of Little Bently, co. Essex was born about 1285. We have no records of 2 generations following Walter.
2. and 3. No records of the 2 generations following Walter are known.
4. WILLIAM ATTE STONE born about 1365, and died in 1430 or 1431. only 1 child is recorded, John.
5. WALTER ATTE STONE was born about 1390 and died about 1431 John is his only known son.
6. JOHN STONE (The prefix Atte was dropped during his lifetime). Born about 1420 He occupied a small estate in Ardleigh, which for four centuries was called "Barons". Wife's name unknown. Married about 1445 They had 4 children,abt. 1450, (ancestor of the Stones of America; John b. abt. 1455, and George, b. bat. 1460
7. SIMON STONE, b. in Ardleigh, co. Essex abt. 1450 He lived in the adjoining parish of Great Bromley, where for the following five generations over a period of nearly 150 years the Stones destined for of America lived He died at age 55 abt. 1506. He married Elizabeth— -- abt. 1480. They had 4 children: 1. David, b. abt. 1480, ancestor

¹¹ Comprehensive Book: Gregory Stone Genealogy, Ancestry and Descendants, 1320-1917 by J. Gardner Bartlett, Published by The Stone Family Association, 1918

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of the Stones of America: 2. Walter b. abt. 1483; 3. Michael b. abt. 1486; and 4. William b. abt. 1488.

8. DAVID STONE, b. abt. 1480. He had 4 children, John, b. abt. 1505; Simon b. abt. 1507, ancestor of the Stone's of America; Thomas and Mathew b. abt. 1515

9. SIMON STONE, b. abt. 1507 in Great Bromley.. Wife Agnes_____, Had 3 children.
Eldest son was John.

10. DAVID STONE, b. abt. 1540 in Great Bromley. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Hewit, and they had 7 children. He married secondly Ursula____by whom he had 4 children:

1. Simon, bapt. 9 Feb. 1585/6. Emigrated to New England in 1635.

2, Usula, bapt. 2 June 1588 m. William Church.

3. Mary, bapt. 11 Oct. 1590 m. William Tawler.

4. GREGORY, bapt. 19 Apr. 1592. Emigrated in 1635 to New England. From him my Stone ancestors descend. For details see next Section.



Font in Great Bromley Church. Stone memorial window behind

GENERATION 11.

DEACON GREGORY STONE AND WIFE LYDIA

Gen. 1. DEACON GREGORY STONE, my maternal 8th great grandfather was born in the parish of Great Bromley, County. Essex, England and baptized there April 19, 1592, the youngest of the 11 children of David Stone and his wife Ursula. He married at the age of 25. He joined the Watertown church in MA. and held the office of deacon there for 30 years until his death 30 Nov. 1672 age 80 years.

Gregory Stone at age 43 years, was my immigrant Stone ancestor arriving in America sometime in 1635 as part of "the Great Migration" from England to New England, America. Gregory's brother Simon arrived in New England on the sailing ship "Increase" in the spring of 1635. We do not have a record of which sailing ship brought Gregory Stone to New England, however he and his second wife Lydia, and six children, John, Daniel, David, Elizabeth, Samuel and Sarah Stone arrived in New England sometime in 1635, just 15 years after the Mayflower arrived in the Plymouth Colony. At first Gregory lived with his brother Simon in Watertown, MA. In 1637 he moved to Cambridge MA.,

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then known as Newtowne. Gregory's first wife Margaret Garrad died in Jan. 1626 in England. In 1627 he married his second wife Lydia Cooper who accompanied him to New England in 1635. She had 3 children with him, survived him, and died at Cambridge, June 24, 1674 2 years after her husband. **Over 9 generations of ancestors** of Gregory Stone bearing the surname of STONE, dating back to the late 1200's, lived for at least 3 centuries, prior to Gregory's birth in Great Bromley and adjoining parishes where they had tilled lands held by manorial landlords. The Stone family was largely of Anglo-Saxon origin. They belonged to the sturdy yeomanry class of England. At this time most of the land in England was owned by a small group of the landed class who descended from the Norman feudal nobility and lords of the manor. The large middle class known as yeoman were obliged to take leases of land from them at high rentals, work the land, and face crushing taxation. Both the desire of the puritans for freedom from religious persecution and the desire to establish civil democracy and an improved better life and opportunity led many in the latter half of the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1558-1605) to take part in the Great Migration from England to America between 1630 and 1643 during which time some twenty-five thousand immigrated to America including the brothers Gregory and Simon Stone.

GEN 12. DEACON SAMUEL STONE: My 7th maternal great grandfather was the 5th of 6 children of Gregory Stone, and 2nd of 3 children by his second wife Lydia Cooper, was born in Nayland, co. Suffolk, England and baptized Feb. 1630. He was four years old when brought to New England by his parents in 1635, and grew up in Watertown and Cambridge.

In Oct. 1654 age 24, he served as a trooper under Maj. Simon Willard in a force of 60 men on a 16 day expedition into Rhode Island against Ninigret of the Niantic Indians. In 1655 at age 25, he married Sarah Stearns June 7, 1655 in Watertown, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Barker) Stearns. They had 8 children, all born in Cambridge Farms: Samuel 1656; Isaac 1658; Sarah 1660; John 1663; Lydia 1665; Mary 1667; Joseph 1670; and Anna 1673.

In 1657 he was made a Freeman of the Massachusetts Colony. He settled on land deeded to him by his father at Cambridge Farms (Lexington) where he built a house about 1655 which remained in possession of Stone family members for 9 generations until 1820. He was extremely active in both religious and civil affairs. He was chosen first deacon of the Lexington Church in 1696. Regarding civil affairs, he served on many committees, and was chosen selectman of Cambridge from 1673 to 1692. By his industry, energy and good judgment, he accumulated an estate of nearly 1000 pounds, a large property for that period and he seems to have been at his decease the wealthiest resident of Lexington.

He died Sept. 27, 1715, aged 84 years.

GEN 13. DEACON SAMUEL STONE: My 6th maternal great grandfather was the first child of Deacon Samuel Stone and his wife, Sarah Stearns, born at Cambridge Farms (now Lexington, Mass.), Oct. 1 1656.

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At age 19, he served in King Philip's War in Capt. Thomas Prentice's troop of horse in the Narragansett expedition, and was wounded at the Great Swamp Fight, Dec. 19 1675.

At age 23, he married Dorcas Jones June 12, 1679 at Cambridge. She was born in Concord May 29, 1659 so was about 3 years his junior. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Jones. His wife died in Lexington Sept. 24, 1746 age 87.

They had 5 children: Sarah, born 1681; Samuel born 1684; Joseph born 1686; Jonathan born 1689; Elizabeth born 1693; and Rebecca, born 1696. He inherited his father's homestead in Lexington, was selectman of Lexington in 1714, 1715, and 1723, and on Nov. 17, 1715 was chosen a deacon of the Lexington Church to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of his father. He was a deacon for 27 years until his death June 17, 1743 at age 87 years.

GEN. 14. CAPT. SAMUEL STONE: My 5th maternal great grandfather, was born Aug. 12, 1684 at Cambridge Farms (now Lincoln), Mass. In about 1713 he acquired a farm on what was known as "Pelham's Island" where he built a house which as of 1917 was still in use. He also acquired nearly 900 acres of land in Rutland Mass, land which he gave to his sons. He was a selectman of Lexington in 1741 and 1742, and captain of militia.

At age 22, on April 3, 1706 he married Abigail Reed of Woburn daughter of Deacon George and Abigail (Pierce) Reed. She died in Lexington Mass. Jan. 16, 1767 age 82.

They had 11 children: 6 girls and 5 boys: Abigail born 1707; Samuel b. 1708; Jonas born 1710 Elizabeth born 1713; Tabitha born 1715; Mary born 1717; Susanna born 1720; Nathan born 1722; Eunice born 1724; Sibyl born 1727; and Isaac, born 1730.

Samuel Stone died in Lexington Mass. April 5, 1769 at age 85.

GEN. 15 NATHAN STONE: my maternal 5th great grandfather was born April 28, 1722 in Sudbury Mass. to Capt. Samuel and Abigail Reed. May 5 1740 at age 18 years he married Mary Robbins of Sudbury who was also born in 1722, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Robbins. Following marriage, Nathan joined his brothers in Rutland Mass., where their father had bought for them a tract of over 900 acres on which they settled.

They had 6 children: Mary born Dec 18, 1741; Thankful, born 1743; Nathan born 1746; Jeduthan born 1748; Lois, born 1752; and Rebecca 1757.

He was a soldier in the French and Indian Wars, as a private in Capt. Peter Davis Company, Col. Ruggles regiment, which marched from Rutland Aug. 9, 1757 to Kinderhook, N.Y. for the relief of Fort William Henry. The following year aged 35 he enlisted April 4, 1758 in Capt. Robinson's Company, Co., Rugs regiment. He died during this summer while in military service. The exact time or circumstances of his death have not been learned. No gravestone or death record exists in Rutland.

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GEN 16. LIEUT. NATHAN STONE: my maternal 4th great grandfather, was born Aug. 9, 1746 in Rutland Mass. to Nathan and Rebecca Stone. He was their 3rd child and first son.

At age 22, he married Freelove Phillips, daughter of Joshua and Freelove Phillips and they settled in that part of Rutland which in 1775 became the new town of Hubbardston, Mass. She died in Hubbardston in 1826. They had 12 children: Polly born 1768; Nathan born 1770; Eliphalet born 1772; Jeduthan, born 1773; Urania born 1774 who was burned to death in Michigan in 1850. Her husband Thaddeus drowned in June 1838; Patience born 1776; Jotham born 1778; Ruth born 1780; Samuel born 1782; Sampson born 1784; Freelove born 1786 and Joseph born July 1789.

His name appears on the roll of Capt. William Marean's Hubbardston company of minutemen, Col. Doolittle's regiment which marched to Lexington Apr. 1775 in the Revolutionary War. He died in Hubbardston Dec. 19, 1827., having been blind for many years prior to his decease. On his graves he is styled lieutenant.

GEN 17. SAMPSON STONE: my maternal 3rd great grandfather was the 10th of 12 children of Nathan and Freelove Stone, born in Hubbardston Mass. Oct. 2, 1784.

He was a shoemaker by trade, also a farmer.

Dec. 23, 1805, at age 21 he married Lois Waite in Hubbardston, born 1786, daughter of Joseph and Hepzibah (Sherman) Waite. With her he had 6 children. She died after 12 years of marriage in 1817. That same year he married his first wife's sister Mrs. Dolly (Waite) Lamb, and with her had 8 children, (for a total of 14 children.) Children with his first wife: Rockwell born 1806; Louiba born 1808; Eliphalet, born 1809; Elmira born 1811; Alice born 1814; and Sampson Harrison born 1814. When 17, he went to sea from Boston and was never heard from afterwards. By his second marriage their children included: Andrew, born 1818; Lois born 1819; Albert, born 1821; Mary Amanda born 1823; Chloe born 1825; Allvin born 1827; Lura born 1829; and Hepzidbah born 1832.

Sampson Stone died in Hubbardston Aug. 12, 1858 after several years of blindness at age 74 years.

GEN. 18. ROCKWELL STONE: my maternal 2nd great grandfather was the first born child of his father Sampson Stone and his first wife Lois Waite, born March 21, 1806 in the old family homestead in the town of Hubbardston, Worcester County Mass.¹² Rockwell died in San Francisco in March of 1883 In 1825 at age 19 years, he paid his father one hundred and ninety-four dollars for



Rockwell Stone

¹² Gregory Stone Genealogy, by J Gardner Bartlett, Publ. for the Stone family association, Boston 1918.

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the two remaining years of his minority, and went to work in the furniture business. Two years later Dec. 23, 1827 at the age of 21, Rockwell married Sophia Babbitt of Barre, Mass. Sophia was born in Petersham, Mass., Aug. 23, 1804. She was 2 years older than Rockwell. Sophia was the daughter of Dean and Lurana (Babcock) Babbitt. Col. Dean Babbitt was born in 1780 and died in 1864.

BABBITT FAMILY: The early ancestors of the Babbitt family are of English and Scottish descent. The immigrant Babbitt ancestor was Edward Babbitt (Bobbet) born in Wales in 1627 who arrived in Plymouth Mass. in 1643.¹³ He settled in Taunton, Bristol Co. MA. Edward married Sarah Tarne in 1654 in Boston, daughter of Tarne and Sarah Ffaukner. The Dean Babbitt family settled in Taunton Mass, and had 13 children.

Soon after their marriage Rockwell and Sophia moved to Newark, N.Y. where he served as a leading merchant in the business of manufacturing furniture for 14 years. Then in 1860 they moved to California where he established himself in the mercantile line in Sacramento. In 1862 he transferred his business to San Francisco having suffered from fire and flood in Sacramento. He built a lovely home at 2520 Howard Street (which burned in the S.F. fire and earthquake in 1906). It was in a lovely residential district at that time.

In San Francisco, Rockwell Stone's saddlery became one of California's premier wholesale and retail manufacturers of harnesses, bits, spurs and saddlery hardware. He also became involved with real estate improvements. In the 1889 SF City Directory Rockwell Stone is listed as a Capitalist and Investment banker. Rockwell was apparently very successful. In politics, Rockwell was a Republican, formerly a Whig. He attended the Methodist Church, his wife was an Episcopalian.

They had 2 children, but only one survived, Lucius Dean Stone, born in Newark New York, in 1842.

GEN. 19. LUCIUS DEAN STONE:

My maternal great grandfather Lucius Stone, only surviving child of Rockwell Stone and his wife Sophia Babbitt was born in Newark New York in 1842. His wife Sophia Babbitt was dau. of Dean and Lurana (Babcock) Babbitt. In 1860 at the age of 18 Lucius moved to California with his parents, first to Sacramento, then in 1862 to San Francisco. Lucius worked initially as a cashier in his father's business, but eventually inherited it.



Lucius Dean Stone

¹³The Babbitt Family History by William Bradford Brown, Publ. by Babbitt Family Association, Taunton, Mass, 1912

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CHART OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN STONE, CAMPBELL, BLAIR, AND BAKER FAMILIES

My STONE FAMILY

Deacon Gregory Stone

My 8th gr. gr. father
 See P. 96-97

My Immigrant Stone ancestor

b. 1592, England

Arrived Mass. 1635

d. 1672, Cambridge MA
 parents

i

Skipping 6 generations

i

Rockwell Stone, (see Pages 99-100)

b. 1806, Hubbardston MA

d. 1883 San Francisco

Lucius Dean Stone, only surviving child of **Rockwell** and **Sophia Stone** was b. in New York, in 1842, and moved with his parents to San Francisco in 1860

Idella Lydia Baker, the only child of sea **Captain Isaiah**

Baker came to live with the Rockwell Stone family

following the death of her mother Lydia Small Baker

from cancer, and at a time when her father was far away

at sea near China. **Idella Baker** and **Lucius Dean Stone**

fell in love and were married, she becoming **Idella Lydia Stone**

Harriet Sophia Stone, my grandmother, was the only

child of **Lucius** and **Idella Stone**, being born in 1878.

In 1892 **Harriet Sophia Stone** married my grandfather

William Robert Lee Campbell.

My CAMPBELL FAMILY

Maj. John Campbell

My 5th gt gr father
 See P. 81

My Immigrant ancestor

b. 1730, in Scotland

arrived NC before 1755

m. **Mary Edwards**, 1755 in NC
 d. 1793, Guilford Co. NC

i

Skipping 4 generations

i

William Robert Lee Campbell

b. Suisun CA 1871 to **Dr. Samuel**

Duncan Campbell and **Julia Turner**

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m. **Harriet Sophia Stone**, 1892

They had 2 children:

1. **Harriet Roberta Campbell**

b. 1898 who married

Frederick Arthur Webster

2. **Eleanor Gladys Campbell**

(my mother) b. 1901. She

married **William Rochelle**

Blair, (my father) in 1923

My BLAIR FAMILY

James Blair

my 4th gt. gr. father
 see P. 42-43

My immigrant Blair ancestor

b. 1730, Co. Antrim IR

m. **Mary Harper** 1753 in Co. Antrim

He came to Charleston SC with
 wife and 3 sons on the ship

"Pennsylvania Farmer" 1772.

d. 1789, Lancaster, SC.

Skipping 4 Generations

i

b. 9 Jan. 1900 in Atlanta GA

m. **Eleanor Gladys Campbell**

(my mother) in 1923.

They had 2 children:

1. **William Campbell Blair**

b. 1925

2. **Jeannette Eleanor Blair**

b. 1927

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Lucius married Idella Lydia Baker in 1866 in The story of how they met is an unusual and interesting one.



Idella Lydia Baker, my great grandmother before marriage to Lucius Dean Stone

Idella Lydia Baker was born in Mass., the only child of Capt. Isaiah Baker, a sailing ship Captain, living in Mass., born in 1815 and his wife Lydia Small. When Idella Baker was 14 years old, her mother



Capt. Isaiah Baker

rather suddenly at age 45, of cancer and her father Capt. Baker was off near China as Captain of a sailing ship.



Idella Lydia Stone my great grand mother

Following her mother's death, Idella was cared for by the wife of another sea Captain in Mass. It took at least a month for Capt. Baker to learn of his wife's death by mail sent around the horn of S. America by ship. Capt. Baker then responded by mail asking a Captain of another ship in Mass. to bring his daughter to San Francisco where he would meet her. This ship again around the tip of South America took another month or more to get to San Francisco. This ship was greatly delayed being becalmed for many days. 3 days after the ship had been announced as being lost at sea, the ship was spotted from Telegraph Hill as it came through the Golden Gate. Well in San Francisco Capt. Baker arranged to have Idella live with a friend he had known in Massachusetts

by the name of Rockwell Stone and his wife Sophia Babbett. The Rockwell Stone's son Lucius Dean Stone, born in New York in 1843, was just 5 years older than Idella. Well Idella and Lucius fell in love and were married when she was 18 years old, in the Rockwell

Stone family home in San Francisco, With marriage, Idella assumed the surname of

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Stone. Idella and Lucius had only one child, my grandmother Harriet Sophia Stone, whose surname became Campbell following her marriage to William Robert Lee Campbell in 1892 in San Francisco.

GEN 20. WILLIAM ROBERT LEE CAMPBELL married HARRIET SOPHIA STONE:
My maternal grandparents. For details see Chapter 4, Generation. 6, P. 98-105..

APPENDIX A

FAMILY INFORMATION FROM NOTES IN LWR BLAIR'S BIBLE

This Bible is in the possession of my cousin Ann Vietmeyer.

MARRIAGES:

James Blair and Charlotte Rochelle were married Feb. 6, 1820, being Sunday.

Lovick William Rochelle Blair (son of the foregoing) and Miss Sallie T. second daughter of William C. and Sarah J. Workman of Camden SC were married at 10 o'clock AM on Wed. the 10th day of Aug. 1850 and the bride therefor assumed the name of Sallie Workman Blair. He was 38 at time of marriage, she was 29.

Julian J. Neville and Bessie Louise second daughter of L.W.R. and Sallie W. Blair were married at 7 o'clock am on Wednesday the 29th day of October 1884.

On the 29th Dec. 1886 James G. Strother and Minnie C. Blair at Walhalla SC.

BIRTHS:

James Blair was born at the Waxhaws in Lancaster district SC. Sept 26, 1786. Wife Charlotte Rochelle (who was to become Mrs. James Blair) was born June 21, 1787 at Red Oak Camp.

Lovick William Rochelle Blair, (their son) was born at Red Oak Camp SC on Tues. July 10, 1821.

Sallie T. Workman (afterward Mrs. L.W.R. Blair) was born in Camden SC on 12th day of March AD 1830.

1. Sarah Charlotte was born at Log Town Farm, Camden SC on Sunday July 1, 1860 at half past eleven p.m.
2. Bessie Louise (2nd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.W.R. Blair) born at Log town on Nov. 20, 1862 at 3 1/2 am and baptized by the Rev. Manning Brown of the ME Church on 19th May 1863.
3. Rochella (3rd daughter) was born at Log town in Camden SC at 15 minutes past 1 o'clock on Sunday Feb. 25, 1866.
4. Mary Gwynne (4th daughter) was born at Log town cottage or farm in the town of Camden SC on the 19th day of May (tuesday) 1868 at 15 minutes past 11
5. Eva (5th daughter) born at same place as the foregoing on 11th April 1872 at 10:30 a.m.
6. James Wm. Blair, (6th child and 1st son) born at Daisie Farm (near Dixie's Retreat, Kershaw Co. SC Dec. 24, 1873 at 15 minutes past 1 am it being Wednesday.

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DEATHS:

Gen. James Blair departed this life Tues. April 1 1834 at 6PM at Washington City.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rochelle in the 83rd year of her age departed this life April 29, 1843 at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Charlotte Rochelle Blair.

Mrs. Charlotte Rochelle Blair departed this life about 4 PM on Thur. the 2nd of Sept. 1852 at Wilson's Springs in North Carolina.

William Clark Workman died at his residence at Log Town Cottage in Camden SC, both the above having exemplified in a most eminent degree the virtues of rke Workman departed this life Mar. 1, 1861. His consort Mrs. Sarah Young Workman departed this life Feb. 16, 1863 at Log Town Cottage in Camden SC. both the above having exemplified the virtues of the true Christian.

Mrs. Sallie Workman Blair departed this life at 9:30 PM Nov. 1st., 1879 at her residence Dixie's Retreat, near Camden SC with the calm appearance of a blessed angel.

July 4th 1882 Col. L.W.R. Blair was assassinated in the streets of Camden SC by James L. Haile. He fell a matter in the cause of Liberty and free government. A nobler gentler more fearless spirit than his does not exist on earth.

On Tues. Aug. 22, 1882, Rochella, third daughter of the above named, ended her young and glorious life voluntarily. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God".

MISCELLANEOUS:

On Sunday Nov 17, 1833, James and Charlotte R. Blair joined the Methodist Episcopal Church being received by the Rev. James Jenkins.

Miss Sallie T. Workman, (afterwards Mrs. L.W.R. Blair) joined the M.E. Church in Camden in the year 1852, the Rev. H. Parsons being their pastor.

NOTE: I want my brother James Wm. Blair to **remember always** that when his Father was murdered Mr. C.S. Ellis was the only personal friend who boldly took up the gauntlet (and even endangered his own life in his defense: let him never let skip an opportunity to repay in some measure the debt of gratitude he will ever owe him.

Signed Sarah Charlotte Blair, August 1882.

DEATHS:

July 4, 1882, Col. W.W.R. Blair was assassinated in the streets of Camden SC by Jas. L. Haile. He fell a martyr in the cause of Liberty and free government. A nobler gentler, more fearless spirit than his does not exist on earth. On Tuesday 22 Aug. 1882, Rochella, third daughter of the above named ended her young and glorious life voluntarily

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BLAIR CEMETERY, KERSHAW CO., SC.

BLAIR CEMETERY: KERSHAW COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA CEMETERY SURVEY, VOL. THREE PUBL. BY THE KERSHAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAMDEN SC 1991, SUPPLEMENT: PAGES 11-12.

The Blair Cemetery was the family burying ground for the plantations Red Oak Camp, (Blair) and Red Oak Woods (Horton). It was originally surrounded by a brick wall six feet high with wrought frontages enclosing an area 100 feet x 60 feet. The wall, gates and tombstones have been destroyed or carried off by vandals. Therefore the following record of interments is incomplete, but was compiled from these sources: Historic Camden Vol. 1, p. 339 and Vol 2, P. 92; Kirkland Papers South Caroliniana Library; Dotsy Boineau; Mary B. DuVal; Elizabeth P. Hough; Esther Ratcliff McCaskill; Gertrude Blair Strother; U. D. C. Records; and Carrie Yarbrough Witherspoon.

BLAIR CEMETERY:

From Camden, drive northeast on Jefferson Davis Highway #1 27 miles to the town of McBee. There, at the stoplight, turn left at the intersection onto Highway 151. Drive north 5.8 miles. At the crest of a hill turn left onto a dirt road. Drive as far as possible on this road. When it ends, the cemetery may be found on the left. Surveyed: 12/91

BELL, Alexander	born	died
s/o James Blair Bell & Margaret Horton Bell		
BELL, James Blair	1811	28 Jun 1863
S.C. Militia		
BELL, Margaret Horton	1810	4 Jun 1863
W/O James Blair Bell		
BONE, Chunky		
Catawba Indian, Faithful Attendant of General James Blair		
BLAIR, Amelia Rochelle	19 May 1819	21 July 1855
w/o Henry Blair - d/o John Rochelle & Elizabeth Horton		
BLAIR, Henry - d/o John Rochelle & Elizabeth Horton	19 Nov 1818	20 Mar 1852
s/o Col. Francis Blair & Flora Lee - S.C. Militia		
BLAIR, Charlotte Rochell	21 June 1787	2 Sept 1852
w/o Gen. James Blair - d/o Lovick Rochell & Elizabeth Perkins		
b. Red Oak Camp - d. Wilson's, N.C. (See P. 61)		
BLAIR, James	26 Sept 1786	1 April 1834
(In Memoriam stone) - General, 5th Brigade, S.C. Militia		
Representative from South Carolina U.S. Congress-		
s/o William Blair & Sarah Douglass - b. Waxhaws		
d. Washington City, interred in Congressional Cemetery. (see P 61)		
BLAIR, James	11 Dec 1822	8 July 1824.
s/o Col. Francis Blair & Flora Lee		
BLAIR, Thomas	12 Nov 1825	26 Jan 1826
s/o Col. Francis Blair & Flora Lee		
BLAIR, Flora Lee	1 July 1799	3 Aug 1833
w/o Co. Francis Blair - b. Sumpter District, d. Red Oak Camp		
BLAIR, Francis	10 May 1789	17 Oct 1831
Captain, War of 1812 - Colonel, 35 th Regiment, S.C. Militia		
s/o Thomas Blair & Jane Taylor - b. Waxhaws - d. Red Oak Camp,		
BLAIR, Sallie Workman Horton.	(see P. 75-76)	28 Jan. 1874 16 July 1893
w/o James William Blair - d/o William Crowe Horton and Ellen Rugeley Farwell		

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	born	died
HORTON, Elizabeth Stanley	b. 9 Jan 1775	d. 22 Feb 1851
w/o John Rochell Horton	b. N.C.	d. Red Oak Woods, S.C.
HORTON, John Rochell	b. 12 May 1781	d. 14 Sep 1863
s/o William Horton & Nancy Horton, S.C. Militia	-b. charleston	-d. Red Oak Woods
HORTON, Jane Garland	b 20 Nov 1814	d. 25 May 1874
w/o William Batts Horton - d/o Jesse Garland & Mary Crowe		
HORTON, William Batts	b. 27 Mar. 1808	d 14 Nov 1874 C.S.A.
s/o Jpjhnn Rochell Horton % Elizabeth Stanley		
HORTON, William Rochelle IBlair	b. 6 Dec 1831	d. 15 June 1865 C.S.A.
s/o William Batts IHorton & Jane Garland. Lt. Conf. States Artillery		
RATCLIFF, William	b. 1 Dec 1773	d. 16 June 1827
RATCLIFF, Sallie Rochelle	b. 3 June 1786	d 5 Feb 1864
w/o William Ratcliff - d/o John Rochelle & Rachel Horton		
RATCLIFF, William Henry	b. 21 Feb 1820	d 2 Aug. 1864 C.S.A.
s/o William Ratcliff & Sallie Rochelle b		d
ROCHELL, Allen		
s/o Lovick Rochelle Sr. & Elizabeth Perkins		
ROCHELL, Elizabeth Perkins	b. 1760	d. 29 Apr 1843
w/o Lovick Rochelle Sr. - d/o John Perkins \$ Mary Graceberry		
d. Red Oak Camp, Kershaw Dist. S.C.		
ROCHELL, Sr., Lovick	b. 1754	d 9 Jun 1809
Lieutenant, Revolutionary War. s/o John Rochell and Elizabeth Boone		
ROCHELL, Elizabeth Perkins	b.	d15 Oct 1817
Aged 16 years 8 months, Died in Childbed with her child		
w/o Lovick Rochelle Jr. - d/o David and Betsy Perkins		
ROCHELL, JR. Lovick	b 28 May 1792	d. 29 Oct 1818
s/o Lovick Rochelle Sr. & Elizabeth Perkins		
ROCHELL, Infant	b	d 15 Oct. 1817
Inf/o Lovick Rochell Jr. Elizabeth Perkins		
ROCHELLE John	b	d
ROCHELLE, Rachel Horton	b	d
YOUNG, Benjamin Franklin Esq.	b 7 Feb1828	d 25 May 1871
s/o Lovick Young & Jane Douglass		
YOUNG, Ellen Tabitha	b7 Sep 1846	d 1 Nov 1880
d/o Capt. John Douglass Young & Margaret Ingram.		

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BY MY FATHER'S OLDEST SISTER
ROSALIND BLAIR SMITH HILLER, Dec. 1972

When I was asked to record the material I had concerning the Blair family, I realized how little I had to offer. There are the dates in the family Bible—a few copies of old letters, newspaper clippings and stories told over the years by my father and by his older sisters Aunt Charlotte and Aunt Eva. When I attempted to add to what information I had, I found that the document I needed most, The Lancaster Co. South Carolina Record Book B (or Vol. 2), was carried to Columbia during the War and was burned. Unfortunately I have not been able to see Vol. 3 which I understand contains material concerning William Blair.

“William Blair (according to the inscription on his tomb in the old Waxhaw Settlement Church yard) departed this life July 2, 1824. He was born in the county of Antrim, Ireland, 24th of March, 1759. He came to America at 13 years of age, was a Revolutionary patriot and in humble station of private soldier and wagon master contributed more to the establishment of American Independence than many whose names are emblazoned on the pages of history. With his father's wagon he assisted in transporting the baggage of the American Army for several months. He was also in the battles of Hanging Rock, Eutaw, Ratcliff's Bridge, Stono and Fish Dam Ford on Broad River. In one of these battles (it is not recollected which) he received a slight wound, but so far from regarding it either then or afterward, when it was intimated to him that he might avail himself of the bounty of his country and draw a pension (as many of his associates had done) he declared that if the small competence he then possessed failed him, he was both able and willing to work for his living if it became necessary to fight for his country without a penny of pay. He was in the language of the Pope, “The noblest work of God, an honest man”.

William Blair had two brothers, John “Jack” and Thomas and a sister Jane. His forefathers migrated from Ireland having left the old home of Scotland during the time of religious rebellion. He was married to Sarah Douglas, the daughter of George Douglas. Their Lancaster Co. plantation was called “Red Oak Camp”. My Aunt Charlotte had visited the old place as a child and cherished a small acorn she kept in a little round wooden box that came from the sprawling red oak in front of the plantation home. She loved the place.

William and Sarah were the parents of three sons and four daughters: Mary, James, Jane, Dorcas, George, Elizabeth and William. My great grandfather James was born September 26, 1786 and was married to Charlotte Rochelle, the daughter of Lovick Rochelle on February 6, 1820. They had only one child- a son, Lovick William Rochelle, born July 10, 1821 at “Red Oak Camp”.

During the War of 1812, Charlotte Blair received word that her husband was in the Winter Quarters of the Army at a considerable distance suffering from a wound that was not healing. She left the plantation on horseback with one of her slaves and all the

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medical supplies and food the two woman could carry and stayer with her husband, General James Blair until he recovered. Their portraits are in the home of my brother and his wife (Eleanor and William Rochelle Blair) in Oakland. (These portraits are now in my home in Menlo Park CA.). (see P. 60-64).

"James Blair - from Biographies of American Congress - a representative from South Carolina - born in the Waxhaw settlement, South Carolina, Lancaster County, 1786, engaged in planting - Sheriff of Lancaster District, elected as a Democrat to the 17th Congress and served from March 4, 1821 to May 8, 1822 when he resigned, Elected as a Union Democrat to the 22nd and 23rd Congresses and served from March 4, 1829 until his death in Washington, D. C. April 1, 1834. Interment is in the Congressional Cemetery.

In the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. there is an oil painting by S.F.B.Morse entitled "Congress of 1824" in which the tallest figure (6'-7") I'am told" is that of James Blair. Among others pictured are Quincy Adams, John Marshall, Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun. Letters from some of these men are still in the family.

"On March 9, 1825 General James Blair reviewed the troops for General Lafayette who came to Camden to lay the cornerstone of the monument to the memory of General Baron De Kalb who gave his life in the Battle of Camden at Hob Kirk Hill" From "Historic Camden" by Kirkland and Kennedy.

In a lighter vein there is a story that after winning and dining with friends in Washington, D.C, the General (James Blair) and his party went to the theater to see a performance of "Othello". When the black Moor began strangling Desdemona it was too much for the gentlemen from South Carolina - he grabbed his pistol and fired - fortunately a miss!

Lovick William Rochelle Blair, son of the above, received his education through tutors and was well versed in many fields. His father through collectors in this country and Europe amassed a fine library containing many rare books, including some of the original works on Witchcraft in this country. Among his possessions was a Stradivarius violin. He was married to Sarah "Sallie" T. Workman of Camden SC on August 10, 1859 and they established a home in Camden known as "Log Town Farm" and later a plantation home some few miles from Camden called "Dixie's Retreat". This property was easily recognized by a large pit believed to have been made by a meteor. My father said he was surprised when he saw it years later that it didn't appear nearly as big as he had remembered it. This plantation home was spared destruction by fire during the Civil War due to the intervention of General Francis Preston Blair, a cousin who was in command of the 17th Corps of General William T. Sherman's Army of the Mississippi. (Later work has established that Francis Preston Blair was not an ancestor of ours WCB). This branch of the family originally settled in Kentucky but moved to

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Washington D.C. when the elder Francis Preston Blair in 1830 established the Jackson Administration newspaper, the "Globe".

The plantation home was occupied as headquarters by Union Troops. At first they were afraid to enter when they mistook my father's telescope for a cannon. The soldiers, were hot and thirsty from their march, requested cold drinks and Aunt Charlotte told me with a glint in her eye how she and her sister served fruit punch well spiked with red pepper!

There were six children born in this family - five girls, and finally a son, my father, James William Blair, who was welcomed on Christmas Eve, 1873. His sisters were Sarah Charlotte, Bessie Louise, Rochella, Mary "Minnie" Gwynne, and Eva Douglas. Rochella died young.

Lovick William Rochelle Blair, aside from being a planter, served during the Civil War as a major in a company he himself had equipped. He was also a political figure in his state and was a candidate for Governor at the time of his death in 1882. On one of his trips to Washington, D.C. he commissioned an artist to paint a miniature portrait of his wife. When he returned sometime later, he found it displayed in a street window of the artist's studio and was so incensed he threatened to challenge him to a duel.

During the War, my grandmother, with slaves she thought she could trust, buried silver and jewelry on the property for safe keeping which were never recovered.

Like so many progressive thinkers of the day my grandfather (L.W.R. Blair) knew that slavery was wrong and couldn't survive. He therefore made tentative plans to trade his slaves for a tract of land in Mississippi. When word reached the slave quarters, the men, women and children crowded the front steps of the plantation home weeping. My grandmother was overcome with grief, sobbing "These are our people, we must keep and protect them as long as we can". Years later, when visiting in Camden, Aunt Bessie kept in touch with some of the Negroes who had been with the family and especially enjoyed a very old woman who had been my father's nurse and always sent her love to "my baby" - my father - then a man well along in years. The songs she sang to my father he sang to us and I'm sure are remembered by my children - "Somma nicha, bomma incha, lida boda rinktum" etc. = "Frog went a Courtin" = "Grasshopper sittin on a sweet tater vine" - "Go tell Aunt Tabby" - "Old Dan Tucker", etc. etc.

My grandmother (Sallie T Workman Blair) died at the age of 48 following an operation for the removal of a uterine tumor. The surgery, so different from what we know today was performed by Dr. Baruch, father of Barnard Baruch financier, who had come to the United States from Germany to care for the Hessian troops. He operated in the plantation home on an improvised table. A letter from my grandfather (L.W.R. Blair) to his wife's brother following her death states that "in spite of the frequent use of the new

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drug called "chloroform" she suffered agonies during the operation". My aunt told me, (Rosalind Blair Smith), the eldest daughter (Sarah Charlotte Blair) then eighteen years old stood at her mother's head waving one of her mother's dainty handkerchiefs that had been sprinkled with chloroform back and forth over her mother's face.

Her death was a terrific shock to all the family. She was ten years younger than her husband (L.W.R. Blair) and the only girl he ever loved. He died four years later. My father (James William Blair) remembered as a boy of five years being held in his mother's arms on her death-bed and asked to promise that throughout his life he would abstain from alcohol. Sarah Workman Blair had a sister Rebecca "Becky" who was married to Ben De Loach. I think members of this family are still living in Camden.

Following the deaths of both parents and the ravages of the War, the family scattered to live with various relatives. Before leaving "Dixie's Retreat" a thorough search was made which involved ripping up floor boards on some verandas, hunting for a silver snuff-box that belonged to a cousin James Rutledge, a frequent visitor. He, the grandson of Celia Rochelle and James Mar had inherited the snuff-box from his grandfather. It would have proved his right, it was believed, to the sizable estate of the Earl of Mar still intact, I was told in the Bank of England.

Perhaps I should stop here to tell a little about the Rochelle family. Charlotte Rochelle, the wife of General James Blair, was the daughter of Lovick Rochelle, who was the son of John Rochelle and the great grandson of George Rochelle, the Huguenot refugee who settled in Surry Co. Virginia. His name appears on the "Rent Rolls of all lands held by her Majesty in Surry County", Anno domini, 1704.

Surry then included, in addition to the present county, the territory composed in the present Sussex and part of Brunswick with the usual undefined extension westward." His name also appears as a witness to the will of Benjamin Harrison of Surry Co., dated April, 1711. - Virginia Historical Magazine of History and Biography Vol. 29 p 25.- Vol. 30, pg. 411.

John Rochelle also settled in Virginia and married Elizabeth Boone, an aunt of Daniel Boone. They had six sons and three daughters. The second son, Lovick, married Elizabeth Perkins. They were the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter, Charlotte, who married Gen. James Blair. John Rochelle's sister Celia was married to James Mar. She was James Rutledge's grandmother. I have been told that James Rutledge was related to Edward Rutledge, a signatory to the Declaration of Independence, but I have been unable to verify this. Aunt Eva told me that at one time she had in her possession a family tree that traced the Rochelle's back to one Guillaume de Rochel, a Knight of the 12th Century, alas!

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The practice for what was almost the last duel in South Carolina took place in the grove at "Dixie's Retreat". It was to have been fought between two of LWR Blair's closest friends and both asked him to serve as their second. He accepted the first request. There were tense days and nights for all concerned and a tremendous relief especially to the women of the families involved, when word came that a law had been passed prohibiting dueling in South Carolina.

Following the death of his parents, James William Blair, spent some of his early years with his sister Minnie and her husband, James Strother, who lived in the old Strother colonial plantation home "Fruithill", in Saluda, SC. Aunt Minnie's daughter, Ruby Strother Branch, and some of her family are still occupying the home. Her sister, Gertrude Strother, a retired school teacher is living at Myrtle Beach, SC. My father told how he placed a tube of water in a wheelbarrow and left it in the sun all day to heat for his Saturday night bath and how he rode a cow to school, tying it in a field to graze until time for the homeward trip. His tales of "Possum and Coon" hunting in the swamps at night are frightening childhood memories.

Charlotte, the eldest of his sisters never married. She, like her father received her education at home under private tutors. After her father's death she entered a business college and in 1900 after various positions she was admitted to the board of directors of the Dimick Pipe Company, becoming the first woman in the history of Alabama to sit in the directorate lot an industrial corporation. In 1904 she inspired my father (James Wm. Blair) to gain sufficient backing to organize the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, chartered in October, 1905 with my father as treasurer and Charlotte Blair as secretary. (See Page 75). Her photograph, along with biography can be found in "National Encyclopedia of American Biography" Vol. 23, pg. 355

As a young man my father (James Wm Blair) went to Atlanta where he also took a business course. There he lived for a time with his sister Bessie, her husband Julian Neville, and their small daughter Julia who was to become Mrs. Paul Ivy. Uncle Julian's step-mother's former name was Rogers. Her son went to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma to seek his fortune. There he married an Indian girl and their son became the famous Will Rogers. At the time of his marriage to my mother, Mathilda "Tillie" Barwald, in 1898, my father held a responsible position with E. H. Ehney Cotton Company. Mr. Ehney offered him a partnership in the firm. I can remember playing in the huge piles of cottonseed in the warehouse when my father would take me with him on a business errand and the bales and bales of cotton ready for shipment.

Along with another family from the company we spent six months or so "a cotton-season" in Savannah, occupying the large fine old home of General Bull - now preserved as an historical monument. I remember the spacious tiled front hall, the library, where the two families gathered every morning after breakfast for prayers, the dumb waiter that brought food up from the basement kitchens to the two dining rooms

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one for each family - the wrought iron balconies, where we often played and the cemetery where our nurse took Chelle (Wm R Blair) and me to play, and where from the old tomb-stones under moss hung trees, I learned my ABC's. On Sunday mornings the bells and chimes from the many churches filled the air and every morning we were awakened by the shrimp lady with basket on her head crying her wares. It was here I celebrated my fourth birthday.

My father (James Wm. Blair) had a home built for his bride on Central Ave. in Atlanta but after about two years when my grandmother was left alone, we moved into her home at 44 Format Street - now a Business area. Some other members of the family came to live with her when we moved to Birmingham in 1905. In that year before we left, my brother James was born. He was with us only seven and a half years, meeting with an accident our first year in California.

You no doubt wonder how a family in those days without automobile, radio or television spent their leisure time. In the evenings my father often read aloud to us. "Uncle Remus" was a favorite with the children. Joel Chandler Harris, the author, was a well loved resident of Atlanta. I remember stories from the "Arabian Nights", "Little women", "Treasure Island" and many other classics. As we grew older we were expected to listen and gather what we could from books chosen for adults in the family.

When Victor turned out the first phonograph with the big wooden horn, my father sent one home along with many "red seal" records of the operas with stars of the time. We became familiar with the music and voices of Tetrzznini, Caruso, Melba, Calve, Shumann-Hinck and others as well as various other types of music. A good opera company came to Birmingham every year and we always had tickets for some performances, also for any good theatre suitable to our age.

Then, too, we had family singing with my mother or Auntie at the piano. My father had a good baritone voice and encouraged us to join in.

On summer evenings while visiting with neighbors on the front porch we were often entertained by a group of negro boys or men singing to the accompaniment of a banjo or guitar supplemented by a few homemade instruments - a piece of pipe, or a lard bucket with strings stretched over it. After a few numbers my father would send one of us out to the gate with a few coins and they would wander on. Maybe this was "The Birth of the Blues".

It was always a joy in good weather to walk in the woods and climb the mountains so near us in Birmingham. In the spring we found the first violets - the big "rooster heads", fragrant wild honeysuckle, dogwood, sweet- shrub, and watercress in the streams. In the fall, trudging through the piles of autumn leaves, we would gather persimmons, hickery nuts, goldenrod and asters.

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The State Fair was with us every year and the circus with a huge parade through town was always exciting. We looked forward to Sunday School, picnics and barbecues as well as the many garden parties or "ice cream socials" as they were called. We never saw an ice-cream cone until a dairy in our area bought a waffle iron that turned out a crisp confection that was rolled while warm - allowed to cool - then filled with a scoop of ice-cream.

A special thrill I remember was our very first picture show. An old train coach was moved on to a city lot with a screen at one end on which were shown pictures, while the car was made to rock a bit to give a feeling of motion. Soon after a real theatre opened to show the first pictures produced.

My sister Narendra was born in Birmingham and celebrated her first birthday in Berkeley, California at 2529 Benvenue Ave., now the site of an apartment house. Our family moved to 38 Oakvale Ave. in 1915. My father and mother lived there until their deaths.

My mother, Mathilda "Tillie" Barwald was born in Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 1875. She was one of five children of David and Rosalind Lange Barwald. The 5 children were: George, who spent most of his life in the Army, Dorothy "Dora" who died young of rheumatic fever, Martha who married Richard Mott Boldridge, a member of an old Philadelphia Quaker family, Mathilda "Tillie" (my mother) and Herman who was married to Mary Taylor of Atlanta.

My grandmother, Rosalind Lange, for whom I was named was born in Kassel, Germany in 1843. After her mother's death, when she was seventeen years old, she and her father came to America to visit relatives who had settled in Baltimore. It was there she met David Barwald. As a young couple they settled in Atlanta. He was in the wholesale tobacco business. He built a fine three storied red brick home for his family that many years later, when in other hands, was converted into a private hospital. As I remember it was on McDaniel Street.

My grandmother had a brother in Kassel, the father of five handsome sons, judging from the photograph of them all standing erect in their school uniforms like part of the chorus in "The Student Prince". He conducted a school for boys in Kassel. My grandmother was a lady of many fine qualities. She added much to our family life when she came to live with us in Birmingham. She died while on a visit to Aunt Martha in Cedartown Georgia in 1907 and is buried in Atlanta. I am proud to bear her name.

It was in the Cedartown home of the Boldridges that Rochelle and I spent some happy vacations. They had no children - only a much loved dog "Skidoo" and seemed glad to have us. Since Uncle Dick was an executive with the Central of Georgia Railroad, we

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were always welcomed for a train trip over to Rome for the afternoon or for a day in Chattanooga. Also, the drive in their horse and buggy and later in one of the early automobiles to Cave Springs or over to Lilly Lake for a picnic and swim were pleasant pastimes - Crabbe's Ice Cream Parlor, the real place for the townspeople was on Main Street under the undertaking parlors run by the same family - a rather unique set-up!

When we left Birmingham for California in the spring of 1912, Aunt Charlotte accompanied us. The maid who had promised to go with us changed her mind at the last moment when she heard there were few colored people in California. I'm sure we all felt as though we were going to the ends of the earth. My father in his usual enthusiasm was eager to develop markets in the west for the pipe company and other companies which manufactured allied products, but it was difficult for my mother to leave our new home at 1505 Beach St. where we had lived only a year not knowing what to expect in such a far away land. Those first years in California were not easy for her. The absence of relatives and friends, limited household help and then the tragedy of her son James's death. She proved herself equal to all the circumstances she had to meet. She was always gracious, kind, courageous and above all completely unselfish. She made many lovely friends in Berkeley. After a visit to Atlanta and Birmingham, many years later, she realized how fortunate we were to live in California.

Aunt Charlotte's enthusiasm for California is clearly shown in excerpts from a letter she wrote to her sister Minnie in South Carolina in October, 1912. "There was never a land like this for beauty and fertility. Last Sunday we went via automobile through the mountains, doubling and redoubling as we wound towards the top, then through a long tunnel and out into the San Ramon Valley along great avenues of English walnuts, olive trees, almonds, vineyards, apricots and other gorgeous fruits. The trip through the mountains surpassed my imaginings of Alpine scenery - and the beautiful valley made me think of descriptions of Italy."

The road to Contra Costa was unpaved in those days and it was not unusual for an automobile to get stuck in the mud in the shaded stretches of the road East of the tunnel. Lafayette was a tiny, sleepy village a few cottages with picket fences, a general store and a little white church with a steeple that sat on the hill at the end of the main street. Walnut Creek offered little more. It did have a hotel - a two storied frame building with a porch shaded by walnut trees that grew up through openings in the floor. Here the weary traveler could rest and enjoy a cold drink.

Soon after our arrival in California my father (James Wm Blair) invested in ranch property near Concord. It was planted mostly in almonds and olives. He persuaded his sister Eva and her husband, James Richardson in South Carolina to move to California and manage the place. They had three young children, Charlotte, who later married Peter Bomben and still lives on part of her family property near the ranch my father owned, James Jr., who is now a retired General in the United States Army, the father of

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two married daughters and a son living in Alexandria, Virginia, a daughter Mary who was married to Leslie Gordon a retired school teacher living in Arnold California. They have three sons.

As a young woman Aunt Eva studied art in New York with some fine teachers and her paintings were in all the family homes. But when she came to California her chief interest, aside from her home and family, was her garden. She would spend her days cultivating blooms of many varieties and enjoyed giving flowers and plants to her many, many friends. After a day in the garden I can see her now sitting in the swing under a huge pepper tree strumming on her guitar singing songs, reminiscent of plantation days.

How proud these ancestors would be of the young people in our family today - every one of them! I know I am, and for that reason have enjoyed gathering these bits of lore for them.

Signed: Rosalind Blair Smith Hiller
December, 1973

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BY MY GRANDFATHER JAMES WILLIAM BLAIR

PREFACE

While this is in no sense a work of fiction, the author finds it necessary to explain that he never saw any of his grand parents, was under six when his mother died, and under nine when his father died. He is therefore dependent on early memories, letters and friends in this undertaking which he hopes may be of interest to the younger generation who are descendants of this branch of the Blair family. To them it is affectionately dedicated.

My father, Lovick William Rochelle Blair, following the loss of his cotton plantation "Red Oak Camp" after the Civil War built a home about two miles outside of Camden in Kershaw CO. SC located above a precipice perhaps covering several acres, believed to have resulted from the impact of a meteorite sometime in the past. This home was destined to be called "Dixie's Retreat".

Dixie's Retreat was a huge two story structure, built of hewn pine logs and it was never completed. The war left him in the class of those Southerners known as "land poor" meaning owners of taxable lands without means of paying taxes.

In front there was the flower garden and then several acres of orchard and vegetable garden in which he took considerable interest in experimenting.

Entering the home from the front one entered a large hall which divided the finished or livable part of the building from the unfinished or vacant part.

The first room to the left was the parlor where the portraits of my Grandfather Gen. James Blair and Grandmother Charlotte Rochelle Blair hung high and their eyes would seem to follow me as I moved about watching them, his pair of bright blue eyes, hers large sorrowful dark brown. (these portraits are now in the living room of William Campbell Blair's home). Across the room from these portraits was the old square piano under which many nights I've gone to sleep listening to the music as my mother or one of my sisters played and occasionally would awake sometime in the night after they had all retired, scared out of my wits.

My father (LWR Blair) played the flute and violin (he had an old Stradavarius) the strains of which could be heard on many a balmy evening, vibrating, particularly the old Scottish airs of which he was very fond. Three that I well remember were: "Jessie's Dream" which begins "Far away to boney Scotland has my spirit taken its flight"; second "The Campbells are coming" and third "Auld Lang Syne", and of sacred songs his favorite was "Nearer my God to Thee".

Back of the parlor was my mothers room. I don't seem to remember much about this room except the four poster bed and some oval framed pictures that hung on the wall.

My five sisters and myself (I being the youngest) were born before moving into

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this house, from "Daisy", the farm cottage where I was born. My sisters were all born in the town house, "Log town Cottage" in Camden which is still standing .

The dining room and kitchen were across the hall from the parlor room.

On the second floor overlooking the precipice was the balcony where the telescope was mounted where my father spent considerable time when skies favored observations. The balcony connected with the children's apartment, where, I believe we all had our trundle beds.

The balance of the upper floor was occupied by the library which was quite extensive. After my father's death these books were sacrificed to some New York dealers. All that remains of it are a few miscellaneous volumes showing his signature. The library books had been acquired through years of accumulation, travel and selection in which little if any expense had been spared.

The telescope was presented to Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC because of his long and devoted friendship for its president Dr. Carlisle

His greatest admiration was for Leonardo De Vinci. In the library was a small framed picture of him across the front of which my father had written "A print of the most high God after the order of Melchizedek". He saw the war clouds forming and deplored the irreconcilable differences existing between the North and South, and he felt that if war should come the South would lose because of superior odds, and that slavery would be abolished and prompted by his sound judgement he decided to sell his slaves. (He had inherited about 300 slaves and 40,000 acres of land) and went to Virginia and contracted with a dealer to sell and deliver the slaves to them. When he returned home however, and the news reached the "Quarters" there was such lamentation and expression of sorrow that so weighed on my mothers sympathy, that she decided "they just could not go". She told my father "We can't let them go because they love us and we love them. It would be like selling our children" He told her "I have to deliver them because I am honor bound as well as legally bound". She replied "We are bound by a higher law, the law of love to keep them and we must".

He agreed that she was right and went back to Virginia and attempted to explain to the buyer why he could not deliver them, but found them indignant and insulting, with the usual result in those days, where men could not agree, a challenge was made and a duel was in prospect, but, through the intervention off friends a settlement was made

and the incident closed. The slaves remained and some of their descendants are doubtless still there. The lasting devotion of many of them was well tested.

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When the Civil War came, he contributed liberally. He entered the Confederate Army as a Captain and attained the rank of Colonel at the close. His military service was interrupted by a serious attack of swamp fever contracted while on scout duty on Sullivan's Island.

My father LWR Blair was an only child, his father, (Gen. James Blair) a big Scotch-Irish man, his mother (Charlotte Rochelle) a little French Huguenot woman weighing less than 100 pounds, born to wealth and affluence. He (LWR Blair) apparently cared nothing for money or money making, but had a consuming thirst for knowledge. Yet when he was sent off to school in Virginia, accompanied by his uncle, he was so reluctant to leave his home and mother, he tried to get expelled by mischievous actions and when this failed he told his Uncle that he was going home, if he would give him money he would ride, if not, he would walk. Seeing there was no point in attempting to keep him there longer, he returned home and then a tutor was, I think, brought from France and from then on his education apparently progressed until he was considered among the best informed men of his state and time.

Versatile, broad minded, profoundly philosophic and in a true sense deeply religious. Whatever subject engaged his attention, his mind would seem to seek a complete understanding and so with Christianity he got all the obtainable evidence for and against it and weighed both sides carefully and his verdict was favorable to it.

When there was serious illness in the community he was called. Likewise when there were legal, political or other controversies he was likely to be consulted. Also, when there were duels to be fought, his counsel was in demand.

On the rear of the hall was the figure of a man drawn with crayon to be used as a target by the children practicing with dueling pistols, using harmless cork bullets. Besides being great fun for them he doubtless wanted them to be capable of self defense, in his absence, during the dangerous period following the end of the Civil War.

It was probably after his mother's death that he (LWR Blair) acquired land in the Mississippi Valley and while there he formed a strong friendship with Greenwood LaFlore, Chief of the Choctaw tribe, the son of a French Canadian who married an Indian princess. LaFlore proposed that he marry a beautiful daughter and succeed him as Chief of the Choctaws.

My father was fond of walking and walked into Camden, which was the nearest post office, quite often and would sometimes be a little late, after dark coming home and all the voices could be heard calling PaPa -a-a: as loud as they possibly could and when we would hear the distant "whoop" when he was within hearing there would be much relief and gladness. Within my memory, there was not a servant, horse, mule, or vehicle of any kind on the place. No dogs but many cats. Plenty of cattle, branded "B" for identification. They would graze over a wide area, follow the bell cow and come into the cow pen at night. There were also plenty of hogs but no poultry. He cultivated no land,

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but had tenants who rented land for cultivation. This was the post-war period and I suppose this was his method of adapting himself to the new order.

On warm sunny afternoons our young hearts turn longingly to the creek and would be gladdened by his offer to take us. It was perhaps a little less than a mile from the house, and we were not allowed to go without him. He would stand guard a short distance away to prevent any intrusions. There were plenty of water moccasins, but they were considered harmless, especially in the water. There were also some alligators but they didn't bother us. On one afternoon we were just on the point of leaving for the creek, when a messenger arrived asking if he would please come to see some one who was very sick. He hated to disappoint us but felt that he should answer the call so he left it to us to decide which he should do and he was pleased with the unanimous decision that we would go to the creek another time.

Days after his assassination the body of his third daughter Rochella was found in one of the precipice gorges with a small bottle of strychnine beside her. At the age of 16, overwhelmed by grief for the loss of her Father whom she worshipped she had committed suicide. Her father had been shot from a window by a coward assassin as he was walking on the street of Camden. This was on July 4, 1882. during a heated political campaign in which he was campaigning for Governor of SC.

The following lines were written in the family Bible by my bewildered heartbroken sisters "On Tuesday the fourth day of July 1882 Col. L.W.R. Blair was assassinated in the streets of Camden, S.C. He fell a martyr in the cause of liberty and free government. A nobler, gentler, more fearless spirit than his does not exist on Earth".

By James William Blair

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CAMPBELL AND STONE FAMILY HISTORIES

BY MY MOTHER ELEANOR CAMPBELL BLAIR

Unfortunately the early records and data of the Stone and Campbell families were lost in the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906.

ROCKWELL STONE married Sophia Babbitt (born 1798, died 1892). They lived in Massachusetts, possibly New Bedford- later moved to San Francisco. They had 2 children:

1. Sophia Harriet (died early 18?)
2. Lucius Dean Stone (died 1900) in S.F.

LUCIUS DEAN STONE married in 1866 IDELLA LYDIA BAKER (1848-1926), daughter of Captain and Mrs. Izear Baker who had a home on Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

The following note may be of interest:—

When my grandmother, IDELLA LYDIA BAKER STONE, was a young child when her mother, Captain Izear Baker's wife, died suddenly of cancer. Captain Baker had taken his ship to China where he received word of his wife's death from a letter sent by the wife of another Captain who was taking care of his motherless child. In response to the letter he asked that Captain to bring his daughter on his next trip to San Francisco where he would be waiting their arrival. The ship sailing from Martha's Vineyard was greatly delayed in reaching San Francisco for it was becalmed for days at sea. Three days after the ship had been announced lost, it was sighted coming through the Golden Gate from the top of Mt. Sutro. Its arrival was announced by megaphone, as was the custom for all the arrivals of the big sailing ships.

Think of the months that passed getting mail to and from Massachusetts to China and the long voyage to San Francisco which took the little girl to meet her father. All three of the voyages were by way of the Horn around the tip of South America.

I do not know when the Rockwell Stones moved to San Francisco but it was with them that my grandmother Idella lived until at 18 she married their son Lucius Dean. So as said: Lucius Dean Stone married in 1866 in San Francisco Idella Lydia Baker (1848-1926) daughter of Capt. and Mrs Izear Baker. They had 1 child, (my grand mother) HARRIET SOPHIA STONE (1874-1960). born in San Francisco and died in Berkeley, CA.

Harriet Sophia Stone married in 1892 in San Francisco William Robert Lee Campbell (1871-1927), son of Dr. Samuel Duncan Campbell M.D. born in Greensboro NC in 1824. Died in Suisun Calif. 1875 and Julia Turner born 1847 in Cape Gradeau, Missouri, died 1893 at 1618 California St. San Francisco.

Dr. S.D. Campbell, my father's father, married Julia late in his life,, in 1867. She was my fathers mother. His first wife Catherine died in childbirth as did her baby on the way to California by Covered Wagon. They were buried by the side of the Wagon Trail.

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Dr. SAMUEL DUNCAN CAMPBELL, was presented by the City of Augusta GA. a memorial of gratitude for his services during the pestilence of 1854 (Yellow Fever), two beautiful large handsome pitchers gorgeously wrought of silver with goblets all of which were engraved with the memorial of gratitude as above. My sister Harriet Campbell Webster has one of the pitchers and two goblets. My son, Dr. William Campbell Blair, has one of the goblets The other pitcher and goblets went to my father's older brother, Dr. Palmiston Cornish Campbell, born May 1868 at Suisun California, died 1931 in Richmond California. He married Mary Elisa Hatch, June 1890, and died in 1961. They had 5 children. His medical practice was in Richmond CA.

Harriet Sophia Stone married **William Robert Lee Campbell** in San Francisco June 14, 1892, at the home of her father Lucius Dean Stone They had two daughters:

1. **Harriet Roberta Campbell**, born Oct. 22, 1898 in San Francisco, and
2. **Eleanor Gladys Campbell**, my mother, born March 23, 1901 in San

Francisco.

1. **Harriet Roberta Campbell** married Jan 22, 1923 **Frederick Arthur Webster II** born Sept. 26, 1891 in Oakland, CA.

Harriet and Art Webster had 2 children:

1. **Harriet Roberta Webster**, born Oct. 13, 1925. She married **Robert Leithold Griffith** (born Feb. 4, 1925). They had 2 children
 - a. **Gary Webster Griffith** born Feb. 26, 1957 and
 - b. **Sally Harriet Griffith** (born April 18, 1961).
2. **Frederick Arthur Webster III** (known to family as Buzz), born Dec. 29, 1926 **Buzz Webster** married **Joan Heiner** (born Jan. 20, 1929) and they have 2 children:
 - a. **Susan Webster**, born May 17, 1955) and
 - b. **Ann Webster** (born March 26, 1957).

2. **Eleanor Gladys Campbell** married June 6, 1923 **William Rochelle Blair** (born Atlanta GA Jan 9, 1900) They had 2 children: William Campbell Blair born 13 April, 1925 and Jeannette Eleanor Blair born 7 June 1927.

For details of their marriages and children see Chapter 3. Gen. 6, Pages 83-89.

