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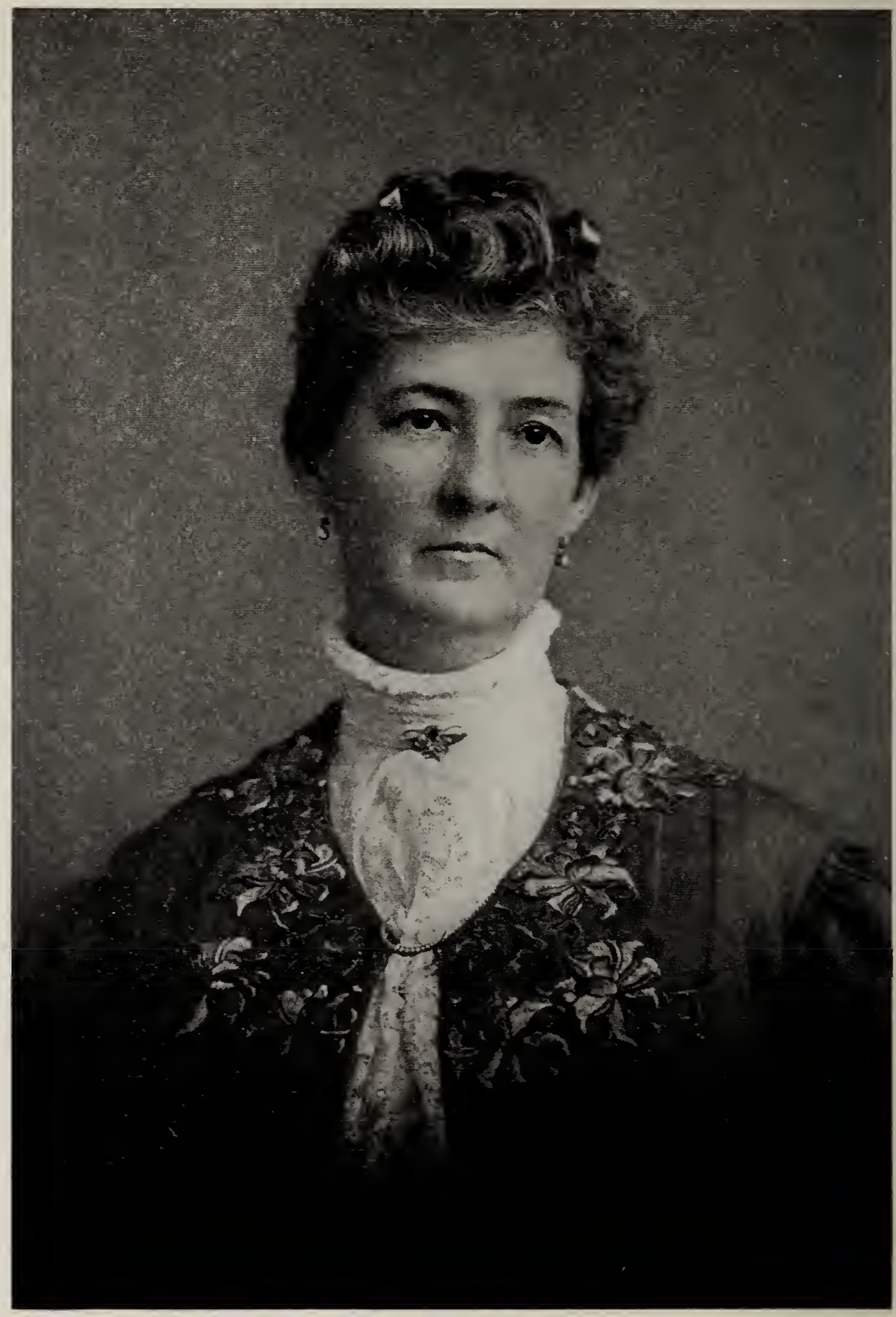
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MARY WINSTON BLAIR, HIS WIFE

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DEDICATION

TO THE LOVED MEMORY OF

SARAH EYRE BLAIR GLOVER

THIS RECORD OF HER KINSPEOPLE
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SARAH EYRE BLAIR GLOVER

Sarah Eyre Blair Glover (1861–1929), born in Richmond, Virginia, was the eldest daughter of James Heron Blair and his wife, Jane Blair. While she was yet a small child, her father built his residence at the corner of Third and Cary Streets. In this house and its neighborhood Sarah Blair passed her earlier years. She attended local private schools. She early took part in the society life of Richmond, and was noted for her grace, beauty, and tactful manners. Of a very bright disposition, she pleased wherever she went. Gloom was foreign to her character. Pain she bore always with a silent fortitude. She never afflicted those about her with care and sorrow, but looked ever on the happier side.

In 1885, at her father's residence, Sarah Blair married Rolfe Eldridge Glover, son of Samuel Anthony and Frances Eldridge Glover, neighbors of the Blairs. The young couple had been lovers for many years. Their mutual devotion lasted and deepened until death separated—for a very little while—their joy of companionship.

To this couple one son was born, Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr.

Rolfe Eldridge Glover at the time of his marriage was a rising man of business, and soon recognized as one of Richmond's sterling citizens. He was M. A. of Richmond College and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Virginia Historical Society.

Mrs. Glover, with her delightful social gifts, became a welcome member of the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and of the Woman's Club of Richmond. Her skilful fingers, also, were ever busy with "fancy work" for church, charities, or the pleasure of her friends. One found her ever first at the house of mourning and as prompt to assist in places of rejoicing.

Mrs. Glover's entire life was spent in Richmond. Strikingly pretty in her later years, bright in mind and manner, and still deeply interested in others, one can well understand the words placed above her grave by her devoted husband:—

"She gave me forty-four years of happiness."

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BLAIRS OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

BLAIR

The first mention of the name of Blair in history is in 83 A. D., when Agricola, the Roman warrior, defeated the tribes of Caledonia at the Hill of Blar, in Perthshire, Scotland.

The name Blair, purely Gaelic, was originally spelled "Blar" and pronounced "Plar," rhyming with "star" and "far." "Blair" is the genitive of "Blar," the letter "i" within the name corresponding to the word "of" or "de"; de Blair being therefore redundant.

"BLAIR," a surname of great antiquity in Scotland, is territorial (as Blair Athole, Blair Gowrie, etc.)*[1] The word "Blair," or "Blare," properly signifies "a plain clear of woods," but the Celtae in general choosing such plains for their hostile encounters, the word came at length to signify "a plain of battle."

The Blairs of BLAIR in Ayrshire and the Blairs of "Balthyock" in Perthshire long disputed the honor of the chieftainship. James the Sixth, to whom the point was referred, decided that the oldest man for the time being of either family should have the precedency. Both families have had several considerable landed families descended from them. Those from Balthyock are settled in Perthshire, Forfarshire, and the North; those from BLAIR of that ilk in the counties of Ayr, Wigton, Renfrew, etc., in the South and West. Their arms bear no affinity, but it does not follow that they may not have been descended from the same stock.

Of the family of Blair of BLAIR in Ayrshire, the first on record was William de Blair, who in 1205, during the reign

*[1] The Duke of Athol and Blair, for example, is of the families of Murray and Stuart, but his castle is in the plain of Blair. All over Scotland such places of the designation "Blair" may be found.

of William the Lion, is mentioned in a contract of agreement, in the charter chest of the burgh of Irvine (Ayrshire) betwixt Ralph de Eglinton and the village of Irvine. It is known that many Normans and English came into Scotland during this and the previous reigns, who received grants of lands from the crown. The circumstance of the first de Blair's son being a witness to a royal charter (which only tenants-in-chief of the crown, nobles, and ecclesiastics were privileged to do) proves that the lands he (Blair) held were a royal fief, and his Norman surname, William, which was also that of his son, never having been borne by natives of Scotland until after Prince Henry, eldest son of David I, bestowed it on his second son, William the Lion, along with the prefix "de," leads to the conjecture that William de Blair was an Anglo-Norman warrior on whom the name and lands of BLAIR were bestowed at the instigation of Prince Henry as the outcome of their mutual experience (at the Battle of the Standard, fought about 1185. In this battle one companion (de Blair) accompanied the prince when others of his father's army fled.) (From Anderson's "Scottish Nation," Virginia State Library.)

The ancestor of the Blairs of Balthyock in Perthshire was Alexander de Blair, of the reigns of William the Lion and his son.

"It seems worthy of note that all the names in both families were of Anglo-Norman origin. Thus, in Ayrshire were: William, Bryce, David, Hugh, James, and John; while those in Perthshire were: Alexander, William, David, John, Patrick, and Thomas. That is, these names preponderate. No Celtic name appears in either of the genealogical trees. The early marriage of both families appear to have been with wives of Norman descent." (From a paper prepared by William Allison Blair, Victoria, Australia, in "The Blair Magazine," May 1930.)

"The Blair family have never been a clan. The name has

held an honorable place for many centuries in the annals of Scotland and northern Ireland, always standing in the van of every movement made for civil and religious liberty." Their proud motto is Amo Probos, "Love the right."

John Blair (1300), chaplain of Sir William Wallace, travelled everywhere with that great patriot and compiled his life in Latin.

There is Sir Bryce Blair of BLAIR, who, the old poem asserts, lost his head with others of William Wallace's tried followers in the Barns of Ayr:—

"Schyr Bryss the Blayr
Next with the Eyme,
On to the Deid that
Harstyt him full fast."

The Blairs have never refused war when they believed in the justice of their fighting. They have stood eminently as Christian ministers, educators, writers, men of science, and inventors.

Descendants of the
REV. JOHN DURBURROW BLAIR
(1759–1823)
and MARY WINSTON BLAIR,
his wife, (1763–1831).

EXPLANATION AND KEY

All of the names following are numbered by generation and by individual.

The generation number of each name follows the baptismal name at the upper right hand of the baptismal name. Each name has also its individual number at the left of the name. Example:

32 Robert[8] Carter—he being in the 8th generation from Rev. John Blair, emigrant, and 32nd individual in line of descent from the same.

Indentation, capitals, and small letters are also used to help in grouping special families.

Rev. John Durburrow Blair is numbered:

2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] Blair (as son of the emigrant, Rev. John Blair).

For information concerning Rev. John Durburrow Blair, see longer note—"Rev. John Durburrow Blair"; for his wife, Mary Winston Blair, see also longer note—"Jordan-Winston"; for his father, Rev. John Blair, emigrant, see longer note—"Rev. John Blair."

Personal mention is given in foot notes at the bottom of the pages and in longer notes in the rear of the book. This is so arranged in order not to break the thread of descent from the emigrant ancestor, Rev. John Blair. Where no issue is listed, none has been ascertained.

The six lines of descent from 2 Reverend John Durburrow[2] Blair and his wife, Mary Winston Blair, are as follows:

A. ELIZABETH DURBURROW BLAIR MAYO

B. JOHN GEDDES BLAIR

C. SAMUEL JORDAN BLAIR

D. JAMES BLAIR

E. WALTER DABNEY BLAIR

F. THOMAS RUTHERFOORD BLAIR

William, fifth child of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] and Mary Winston Blair, died at the age of eight years. Mary Jordan Blair, seventh child, died probably in infancy. (See longer note 13, Two Little Blairs.)

A.

3 ELIZABETH DURBURROW[3] BLAIR MAYO LINE

(Given subsequently to the lines of her
five brothers. See page 53)

B.

4 JOHN GEDDES[3] BLAIR LINE

4 John Geddes[3] Blair,*[1] second child and eldest son of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] and Mary Winston Blair, born October 21, 1787; married on April 27, 1812, Sarah Ann Eyre Heron,*[2] daughter of James and Sarah Taylor Heron; died March 7, 1851; buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

5 Sarah[4] Blair,
6 John Durburrow[4] Blair, II,*[3]

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*[1] John Geddes Blair is thus described by his youngest son: "My father was of medium height, of pleasing appearance and manners, was accomplished for his day and generation, was of refined taste and good intelligence, in fine, was a refined, courteous gentleman. He played sweetly on the flute, sang fairly well, and wrote quite pleasing lines. He was sociable, belonged to an instrumental musical society which met at his house, and to a quoit club, composed of prominent gentlemen, and to the Richmond Blues with whom he took the field in the War of 1812." (Autobiography of Lewis H. Blair.) John Geddes Blair was cashier of the Farmer's Bank of Virginia, Richmond.

*[2] The sterling qualities and practical accomplishments of this lady have given her always a place of high regard in her husband's family. Her charities were remembered by a daughter, who stated that every Sunday afternoon her mother carried a basket of food to the poor. A son writes of her: "Mother was of medium height and size, and was pretty as a maiden, matron, and old lady. She was of firmer texture than father." (Autobiography of Lewis H. Blair.)

"John G. Blair married Sarah Heron on 27th April, 1812, she being the ward of Chas. J. MacMurdo." From the marriage bonds on file in the Hustings Court, City of Richmond, Virginia.

*[3] Buried with his immediate family in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, near the west wall.

7 James[4] Blair, died in infancy,
8 William Barrett[4] Blair,*[4]
9 Mary Elizabeth[4] Blair,
10 James Heron[4] Blair,*[5]
11 Charles Macmurdo[4] Blair,*[6]
12 Courtenay Heron[4] Blair, died unmarried,
13 Josephine Mayo[4] Blair,*[7] died unmarried,
14 Peggy Foushee[4] Blair,*[8]
15 Lewis Harvie[4] Blair,*[9]
16 Douglass[4] Blair, died in infancy,
17 Alfred Chamberlaine[4] Blair, died in infancy.

*[4] See Longer note 18: Lexington, Virginia, Blairs.

*[5] Successful commission merchant of Richmond, Virginia. His brother, Lewis H. Blair, says of him: "He was a man of sterling qualities, with an intelligence above the average, and had much influence in his circle of friends." He resided at the northwest corner of Cary and Third Streets, in a brick house which he had built for his family.

*[6] Charles MacMurdo Blair, born 1824; removed to California in 1849; settled in Merced County; died in San Francisco, August, 1896.

*[7] She won a long life-time of love and regard for herself by her fortitude in affliction, having become a cripple when a young child from the effects of scarlet fever. By her beautiful needlework she contributed substantial sums to her church, gifts to her friends, and heirlooms to her family.

*[8] Peggy Foushee Blair (wife of Gen. Alfred Gibbs, U. S. Army), a woman of considerable beauty and charming, yet resolute, qualities, spent many of her younger years in the West with her husband. Surrounded there by hostile Indians, numerous were her thrilling adventures, afterwards quietly related by Mrs. Gibbs. Her little sons, Alfred and Blair Gibbs, were invited by General Custer to go with him on his famous raid, an adventure Mrs. Gibbs prudently declined for them, and so the boys escaped the tragedy of that massacre.

(See Longer note 23: Gibbs Family.)

*[9] Lewis Harvie Blair (known as Lewis H. Blair), capitalist, of Richmond, Virginia, and writer. In active service of the Confederate States Army 1862–1865.

Otey Battery of Richmond, March 1862–October 23, 1863; Cavalry aide to Gen. Jans of Texas; Adjutant in Breckinridge's division of Artillery, June 12, 1864–1865.

5 Sarah[4] Blair, eldest child and daughter of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, married Lewis Edwin Harvie*[10] of "Dykeland," Amelia County, Virginia. (For issue see Blair-Harvie Family of "Dykeland," page 24.)

6 John Durburrow[4] Blair, II, second child and eldest son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born October 4, 1814; married his first cousin, 383 Lucy Fitzhugh[4] Mayo (b. September 4, 1814; d. March 9, 1873), daughter of Joseph Hearne and 3 Elizabeth Durburrow[3] Blair Mayo. (See Elizabeth Durburrow Blair Mayo Line, page 53.) 6 John Durburrow[4] Blair, II, died March 15, 1879.

Issue

18 Alice[5] Blair, died unmarried,
19 Adolphus[5] Blair,*[11]
20 Elizabeth Mayo[5] Blair, died unmarried,
21 Joseph Mayo[5] Blair,
22 John Harvie[5] Blair.

19 Adolphus[5] Blair, married, 1st, Ellen Gray Beirne; 2nd, Sally Palmer.

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*[10] President of the Richmond and Danville R. R., and for a number of years represented Amelia, Powhatan, and Nottoway Counties in the Legislature of Virginia.

*[11] An honored member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond; for many years superintendent of its Sunday School. A memorial window in St. Paul's to Adolphus Blair and his wife has been erected by their children. Born January 31, 1842. Died November 1, 1893. Auditor for the Richmond and Danville R. R. Co. At the age of sixteen Adolphus Blair entered the Confederate Army and served throughout the war, rising to the rank of captain. He was wounded five times. He participated in the battles of Seven Pines and Bull Run, and in the charge of Pickett's Division at Gettysburg. (See Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. I, 1894. page 339.)

Issue

By Ellen Gray Beirne Blair:

23 Andrew Beirne[6] Blair,
24 John Durburrow[6] Blair, III,
25 Lucy Mayo[6] Blair,
26 Ellen Beirne[6] Blair,
27 Adolphus[6] Blair, Jr.

By Sally Palmer Blair:

28 Irving Blair,[6] died in early youth,
29 George Blair,[6] died in young manhood, unmarried.

23 Andrew Beirne[6] Blair, married Bertha Maria Small, daughter of Albert and Alice Ann Small.

Issue

30 Andrew Beirne[7] Blair, Jr.,*[12] died unmarried,
31 Alice Small[7] Blair, married Major Robert Hill Carter,*[13] son of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth Noland Carter.

Issue

32 Robert[8] Carter,
33 Beirne Blair[8] Carter,
34 Burr Noland[8] Carter,
35 Maria Newcomer[8] Carter.

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*[12] Born October 2, 1897. Killed in an aeroplane formation flight at Pensacola, Florida, January 19, 1918. His parents have placed a tablet to his memory in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia.

*[13] At the close of the World War held the rank of Major in U. S. Army.

24 John Durburrow[6] Blair, III, married Martha Elizabeth Archer, daughter of William Segar and Mary Finlay McIlwaine Archer.

Issue

36 John Durburrow[7] Blair, IV, married Genevieve Lathrop, daughter of Charles Pickett and Louisa Barksdale Lathrop.

Issue

37 John Durburrow[8] Blair, V,
38 Charles Lathrop[8] Blair.

39 William Archer[7] Blair.

25 Lucy Mayo[6] Blair, married Judge Richard Carter Scott,*[14] son of Richard Taylor and Fanny Carter Scott of Warrenton, Virginia.

Issue

40 Fanny Carter[7] Scott, married Harry Hamill Augustine.

Issue

41 Harry Hamill[8] Augustine, Jr.,
42 Lucy Carter[8] Augustine.

43 Robert Taylor[7] Scott, died unmarried,
44 Ellen Beirne[7] Scott,
45 Richard Carter[7] Scott, Jr.,
46 Adolphus Blair[7] Scott, married Grace Sloan.

*[14] The Richmond Bar has presented the Circuit Court of Richmond with a portrait of Judge Scott, and his friends, also a portrait of him to the Henrico County Circuit Court.

Judge Scott was an alumnus of the University of Virginia.

26 Ellen Beirne[6] Blair, married Richard Thweatt Wilson.

Issue

47 Richard Thweatt[7] Wilson, Jr.

27 Adolphus[6] Blair, Jr., married Virginia Martin Drewry, daughter of Major Clay (C. S. A.) and Jane Taylor Brichett Drewry.

Issue

48 Clay Drewry[7] Blair,*[15] married Marie Louise Baretto.

Issue

49 Clay Drewry[8] Blair,
50 Marie Louise[8] Blair.

51 Adolphus Beirne[7] Blair.

21 Joseph Mayo[5] Blair, married, 1st, Norma Williamson Hanes; 2nd, Mary Kilgo Dearman, by whom no issue.

Issue

By Norma Williamson Hanes Blair:

52 Alice[6] Blair,
53 Lizzie Mayo[6] Blair,
54 Joseph Mayo[6] Blair, Jr.,
55 Norman Williamson[6] Blair, died in infancy.

52 Alice[6] Blair, married Douglas E. Clarke.

Issue

56 Blair Christian[7] Clarke, married William Harold Burgess.

*[15] In charge of radio station at Norfolk Navy Yard; in U. S. Navy 1916–1919. Electrical engineer.

Issue

57 William Harold[8] Burgess, Jr.

58 Douglas E.[7] Clarke,
59 Alice Blair[7] Clarke.

53 Lizzie Mayo[6] Blair, married John Belton Lyles.

Issue

60 Elizabeth Blair[7] Lyles.

54 Joseph Mayo[6] Blair, Jr., married Nancy Milner; died without issue.

22 John Harvie[5] Blair, married Lucy Ragland.

Issue

61 Harvie Mayo[6] Blair, married Maud Purcell Miller, daughter of Polk Miller of Bon Air, Virginia; died without issue.
62 Ethel[6] Blair, married Lucian Jordan.

Issue

63 Blair[7] Jordan, (daughter).

8 William Barrett[4] Blair, third son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born September 25, 1817; married in 1847, Judith Cornelia Nicoll,*[16] daughter of Henry and Louise Anne Ireland Nicoll of New York City.

Issue

64 Mary Louisa[5] Blair,
65 William Barrett[5] Blair, died in infancy,

*[16] A lady much loved by all of her husband's relations.

66 Henry Wayne[5] Blair,*[17] died unmarried,
67 Judith[5] Blair, } twins, died in infancy,
68 ———[5] Blair, }

64 Mary Louisa[5] Blair,*[18] married William Alexander Anderson,*[19] son of Judge Francis Thomas and Mary Ann Alexander Anderson.

Issue

69 Ruth Floyd[6] Anderson, married Dr. Charles McCulloch; no issue.
70 Anne Aylett[6] Anderson, married Charles S. McNulty.

Issue

71 Frances Wilson[7] McNulty,*[20]
72 Anne Aylette[7] McNulty,*[21] married Frederick Stone.
73 William Anderson[7] McNulty,*[22]
74 Mary Louisa[7] McNulty,
75 Charles See[7] McNulty.

76 William Dandridge Alexander[6] Anderson*[23] (Col. U. S. Army Engineers), married Maude Browne, daughter of Judge W. F. Browne of Carrollton, Georgia.

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*[17] See Longer note 18: Lexington, Virginia, Blairs.
*[18] Member of the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of America.
*[19] See Longer note 18: Lexington, Virginia, Blairs.
*[20] A. M. of Columbia University.
*[21] Graduated with honor from the College of William and Mary.
*[22] See Longer note 18: Lexington, Virginia, Blairs.
*[23] See Longer note 18: Lexington, Virginia, Blairs.

Issue

77 William Dandridge Alexander[7] Anderson, Jr., died in infancy,
78 Maude B.[7] Anderson.

79 Judith Nicoll[6] Anderson,
80 Ellen Graham[6] Anderson.*[24]

9 Mary Elizabeth[4] Blair, second daughter of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair; married Dr. John Brockenbrough Harvie*[25] of "Fighting Creek," Powhatan County, Virginia, and brother of Lewis Edwin Harvie of "Dykeland." (For issue see Blair-Harvie Family of "Fighting Creek," page 31.)

10 James Heron[4] Blair, sixth child and fourth son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born August 27, 1821; married, June 19, 1856, his first cousin, 334 Jane[4] Blair, daughter of 327 Dr. James[3] and Jane Isabella Lesslie Blair; died June 11, 1887. (See D., James Blair Line, page 44.)

Issue

81 Andrew Lesslie[5] Blair,*[26]
82 Sarah Eyre[5] Blair,*[27]
83 ———[5] Blair, died in infancy,
84 Rosa Allen[5] Blair, died in infancy,
85 Jane Isabella[5] Blair.

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*[24] See Longer note 18: Lexington, Virginia, Blairs.

*[25] Graduated in Medicine at University of Virginia, but did not practice his profession.

*[26] Graduate of Virginia Military Institute.

Residence, "Summer Hill," Albemarle County, Virginia, named after the estate of his great-grandfather, John Lesslie, on James River, Chesterfield County.

*[27] Mrs. Rolfe Eldridge Glover, to whom is dedicated this volume. See Memorial note, page VII.

81 Andrew Lesslie[5] Blair, married Elizabeth Powell,*[28] daughter of John William and Elizabeth Cocke Royall Powell.

Issue

86 Azile Carroll[6] Blair, died in childhood,
87 Jane Lesslie[6] Blair, married Arthur Bryan Whitworth.

82 Sarah Eyre[5] Blair, married Rolfe Eldridge Glover.*[29]

Issue

88 Rolfe Eldridge[6] Glover, Jr.,*[30] married Frances Gertrude Cheney.*[31]

Issue

89 Rolfe Eldridge[7] Glover, III,
90 Frances Cheney[7] Glover.

85 Jane Isabella[5] Blair, married Herbert Rutherford Matthews.*[32]

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*[28] Of the Powells of Loudoun County, Virginia.

*[29] See Longer note 19: Rolfe Eldridge Glover. Glover Line.

*[30] See Longer note 20: Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr., and Frances Gertrude Cheney Glover.

*[31] See Longer note 20: Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr., and Frances Gertrude Cheney Glover.

*[32] Herbert Rutherford Matthews, son of George Kelly and Anne Rutherford Matthews, of Beckingham, Kent, England, born May 17, 1861. Studied at King's College, London. Residence in Virginia: "The Bastion," Westhampton, Richmond. Died in Croydon, England, December 23, 1908. Buried in Shirley Churchyard, Croydon, England.

His wife, Jane Isabella Blair Matthews, Jan. 25, 1871–Feb. 11, 191[illegible], is buried with her infant son, James Blair Matthews, in the section of her father, James Heron Blair, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

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x This correction made by me Jany 4/42 Samuel A Glover 3rd

Issue

91 George Kelly[6] Matthews,*[33] married Marion Earle Tryon,*[34] daughter of Jacob Michael and Emma Jane Davis Tryon.

92 James Blair[6] Matthews, died in infancy,
93 Anne Blair[6] Matthews.*[35]

11 Charles Macmurdo[4] Blair, fifth son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born 1824; removed to California in 1849; married Lucinda Ella Loving; died 1896.

Issue

94 Mary Josephine[5] Blair,
95 Sarah Heron[5] Blair, married F. E. Cromer,
96 Susie[5] Blair.

14 Peggy Foushee[4] Blair, tenth child and fifth daughter of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair; married Gen. Alfred Gibbs (U. S. Army), son of George and Laura Wolcott Gibbs, of New York City.

97 Alfred Wolcott[5] Gibbs,*[36]
98 John Blair[5] Gibbs, M. D., died unmarried.*[37]

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*[33] Tome School, Maryland; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; resigned 1917 to enter United States Army aviation; in active service June 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919, as Bombing Observer and Pilot. Second Lieutenant, Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps.

*[34] The Tryons, a French family (spelled Trion in France), from Alsace-Lorraine, produced a long line of physicians. They settled in Ohio, where they owned the site of the town of Dayton. Marion Earle Tryon descends also from Earles of Boston, Massachusetts.

*[35] B. A. of College of William and Mary, Virginia.

*[36] See Longer note 23: Gibbs.

*[37] See Longer note 23: Gibbs.

97 Alfred Wolcott[5] Gibbs, married Marianne Everard Skelton, daughter of Dr. John Gifford and Marianne Old Meade Skelton, of Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

99 Marianne Skelton[6] Gibbs, married Landreth Lee Layton, Jr., son of Landreth Lee and Anna Hartung Patterson Layton, of Georgetown, Delaware.

Issue

100 Marianne Gibbs[7] Layton,
101 Penelope Rodney[7] Layton,
102 Alfred Wolcott Gibbs[7] Layton.

15 Lewis Harvie[4] Blair, eleventh child and sixth son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born June 21, 1834; married, 1st, Alice Wayles Harrison, daughter of William Henry and Lucy Ann Powers Harrison of "The Oaks" and "The Wigwam," Amelia County, Virginia; 2nd, Martha Randolph Feild, daughter of John Shaw and Jean Bland Ruffin Feild, of Boydton, Virginia. Died November 26, 1916.

Issue

By Alice Wayles Harrison Blair:

103 William Harrison[5] Blair,*[38]
104 Alfred Gibbs[5] Blair, died in childhood,
105 John Geddes[5] Blair, died in childhood,
106 Walter Dabney[5] Blair,*[39] married, 1st, Ethel Gould; married, 2nd, Elizabeth Hollister Frost.

*[38] William Harrison Blair, B. A., University of Virginia.

*[39] Richmond College, 1891–1893; University of Virginia, 1893–1896, B. A. and M. A.; Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia; University of Pennsylvania, 1896–1899, B. S. in Architecture; Ecole

Issue

By Ethel Gould:

107 Harrison Westbrook[6] Blair.*[40]

108 Lewis Harvie[5] Blair, Jr.,*[41]
109 Donald McKensie[5] Blair,*[42]
110 Lelia Skipwith[5] Blair,*[43] married William Northrop; no issue.

By Martha Randolph Feild Blair:*[44]

111 Jean Feild[5] Blair,*[45] married Jean Eugene Bichier-des-Anges Helion, of La Hubandière, Normandy.
112 Josephine Mayo[5] Blair,*[46] married Logan Robins Lee.

Issue

113 Lewis Blair[6] Lee,
114 Jean Blair[6] Lee.
115 Louise Heron[5] Blair,*[47] married Senor Don Pedro Francisco Jean Daura y Garcia, of Barcelona, Spain.

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des Beaux Arts, Paris, 1899–1902, with degree of Architect's Diploma; Cornell University, 1903–1904, as Professor of Architectural Design.

Ten medals and the Miller prize.

*[40] University of Virginia.

*[41] B. A., University of Virginia.

*[42] M. A., University of Virginia.

*[43] Mrs. Northrop's handsome country-seat, "Norcroft," in Chesterfield County, Virginia, is noted for its beautiful gardens.

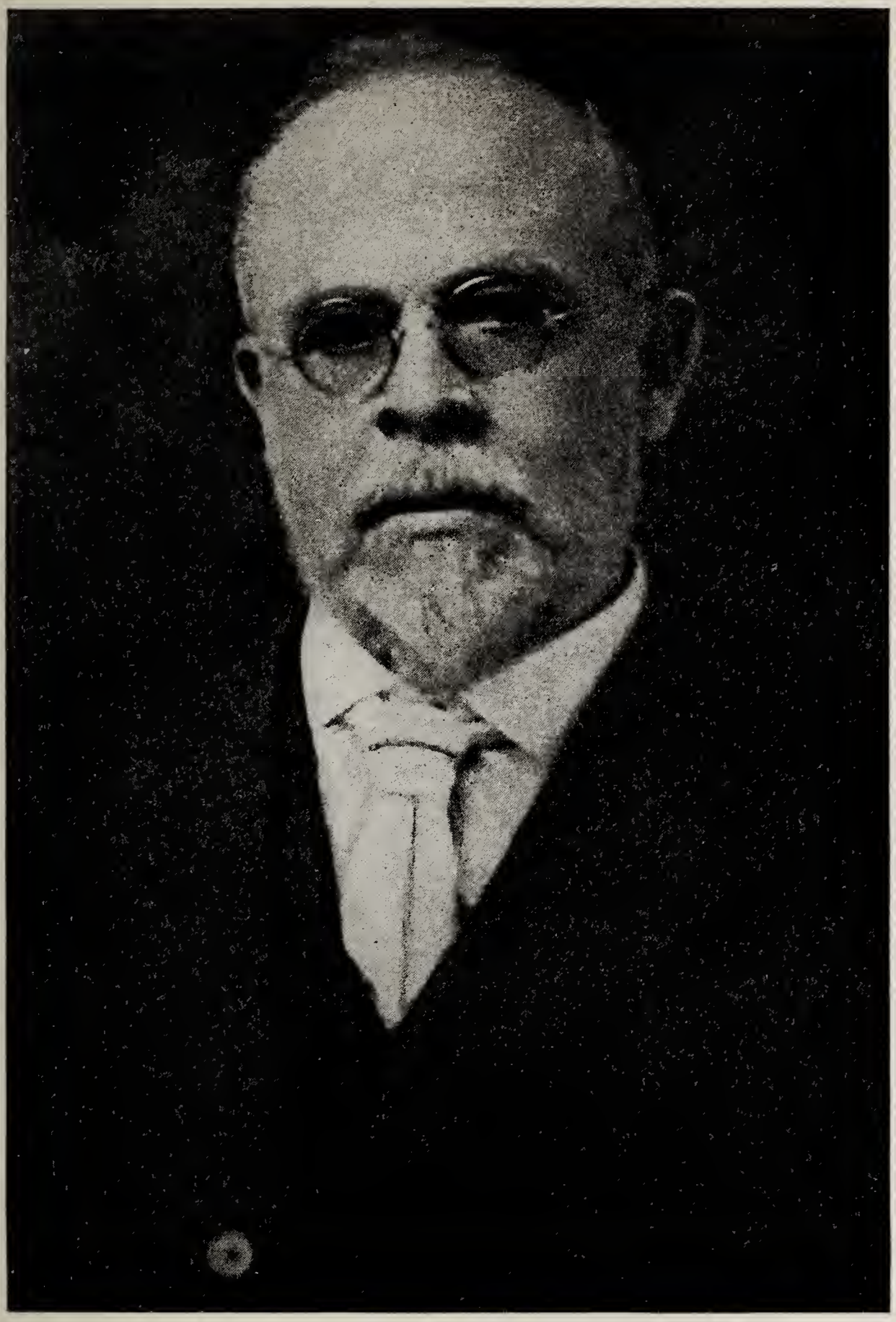
*[44] Descendant of the Princess Pocahontas; member of the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of America; member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Country residence: "Blair Lea," Rockbridge County, Virginia.

*[45] Presented at the Court of St. James, May, 1925. Member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

*[46] Member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

*[47] Graduated *cum laude,* Bryn Mawr College. Member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



Alfred Wolcott Gibbs
1856–1922

From a photograph in the possession of Mrs. Landreth Lee Layton.

Issue

116 Martha Randolph[6] Daura y Blair.

117 Mary Skipwith[5] Blair,*[48] died in childhood.

*[48] Youngest member, on joining, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

BLAIR-HARVIE FAMILY OF "DYKELAND"

Branch *a* of B., John Geddes Blair Line

5 Sarah[4] Blair, eldest child of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born February 15, 1814; married Lewis Edwin Harvie of "Dykeland," Amelia County, Virginia (January 14, 1807–July 18, 1887), son of Edwin James and Martha Hardaway Harvie; died April 18, 1890. Buried with her husband in the Harvie burying-ground, Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

118 Edwin James[5] Harvie,*[1]
119 John Blair[5] Harvie, (Major),*[2]
120 Pattie Hardaway[5] Harvie,
121 William Old[5] Harvie, (Major),*[3]
122 Charles Irving[5] Harvie,*[4] died unmarried,
123 Courtney Blair[5] Harvie,

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*[1] Graduate V. M. I.; First Lieutenant of Infantry, U. S. Army; Inspector General of the Army of Tennessee, C. S. A.

*[2] Civil Engineer, U. S. service; assisted in construction of Richmond and Danville Railroad and the Washington aqueduct; officer on the staff of General Jubal A. Early, C. S. A.

*[3] University of Virginia; member of Company F, First Virginia Infantry, employed in the capture of John Brown; Major in the same; staff officer to Colonel Cole, at headquarters of General Robert E. Lee. Surrendered at Appomattox. Commander of the Amelia Camp of Confederate Veterans.

*[4] University of Virginia; with Volunteer Company of students at Harper's Ferry at the time of the John Brown raid; Lieutenant on the staff of General Causland, C. S. A.; Captain and Assistant Adjutant General; fell at Cedarville, Virginia, leading a charge against the enemy, November 12, 1864; aged 22 years.

124 James Seddon[5] Harvie,*[5] died unmarried,
125 Josephine Blair[5] Harvie, died unmarried, } twins
126 Judith N.[5] Harvie, died unmarried, }
127 Strother[5] Harvie,*[6] died unmarried,
128 Charles[5] Harvie,*[7] died unmarried, } twins
129 Lewis[5] Harvie, died unmarried. }

118 Edwin James[5] Harvie, married Edmonia Meade, daughter of Hodijah Meade of "The Hermitage," Amelia County, Virginia.

Issue

130 Sarah Blair[6] Harvie,
131 Jane Rutherfoord[6] Harvie, died unmarried,
132 Pattie Hardaway[6] Harvie, married Rev. Horace Weeks Jones.

Issue

133 Jennie Harvie[7] Jones, married Halstead Patterson Layton, son of Landreth Lee and Ann Hartung Patterson Layton, of Georgetown, Delaware; brother of Landreth Lee Layton, Jr.

Issue

134 Patricia Meade[8] Layton,
135 Ann Landreth[8] Layton,
136 Lawrence Coe[8] Layton.

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*[5] Cadet, V. M. I., and in the Battle of Newmarket.
*[6] Civil engineer.
*[7] Civil engineer.

137 Horace Weeks[7] Jones, died in infancy,
138 Edwin Harvie[7] Jones.*[8]

139 Edmonia Meade[6] Harvie.

119 John Blair[5] Harvie, married Mary Bell Anderson of "Edgehill," Montgomery County, Virginia, daughter of George W. and Sarah Kent Anderson.

Issue

140 Charles Irving[6] Harvie, died in infancy,
141 George Anderson[6] Harvie,*[9] died unmarried,
142 Sarah Blair[6] Harvie,
143 Lewis Edwin[6] Harvie,
144 John Skelton[6] Harvie,
145 Julien Binford[6] Harvie,*[10]
146 James Blair[6] Harvie,
147 Willie Gordon[6] Harvie,
148 Walter Blair[6] Harvie,
149 Llewellyn Kent[6] Harvie,
150 Mary Douglas Anderson[6] Harvie.

142 Sarah Blair[6] Harvie, married Carter W. Wormeley, son of P. Lightfoot and Lucy Waller Wormeley.

Issue

151 Ralph Harvie[7] Wormeley.

143 Lewis Edwin[6] Harvie, married Frances Kent, daughter of John B. and Lucy McGavock Kent, of Wythe County, Virginia.

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*[8] Hampden-Sydney College.
*[9] Civil engineer.
*[10] 1876–1899. He was preparing for the ministry.

Issue

152 Frances Kent[7] Harvie,*[11]
153 Lewis Edwin[7] Harvie, died aged four years,
154 Mary Anderson[7] Harvie,
155 Lucy McGavock[7] Harvie.

144 John Skelton[6] Harvie, married Elizabeth Carrington, daughter of Thomas Reid and Elizabeth W. Carrington.

Issue

156 ———[7] (son), died in infancy,
157 Lewis Edwin[7] Harvie,
158 John Skelton[7] Harvie, Jr.

147 Willie Gordon[6] Harvie, married David Rice Creecy, son of David Rice and Pauline Wilkinson Creecy.

Issue

159 David Rice[7] Creecy, Jr., married Anne Irene Walker,
160 John Harvie[7] Creecy.

148 Walter Blair[6] Harvie, married Sarah DeJarnette, daughter of Dr. Eugene and Agnes DeJarnette.

Issue

161 Walter Blair[7] Harvie.

149 Llewellyn Kent[6] Harvie, married Virginia Robinson, daughter of Dr. Malcolm and Mar-

*[11] College of William and Mary; University of Richmond.

garet Crockett Robinson, of Wythe County, Virginia.

Issue

162 Margaret Crockett[7] Harvie,
163 Llewellyn Kent[7] Harvie, Jr.,
164 Malcome Graham[7] Harvie.

150 Mary Douglas Anderson[6] Harvie, married Louis E. Weitzel, son of Louis E. and Katherine Weitzel, of England.

120 Pattie Hardaway[5] Harvie, married Dr. Armistead G. Taylor,*[12] son of Dr. Richard Taylor, of Amelia County, Virginia.

Issue

165 Sarah Blair[6] Taylor, died in infancy,
166 Lewis Harvie[6] Taylor, M. D.,*[13]
167 William Byrd[6] Taylor,
168 Pattie Armistead[6] Taylor, died unmarried.

121 William Old[5] Harvie, married Ann Maria Jefferson.

Issue

169 Margaret Heron[6] Harvie,
170 Lewis E.[6] Harvie, died unmarried,

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*[12] Graduate of Washington and Henry Academy, Virginia; medical student at University of Virginia, but resigned to enlist in the Amelia County troops in the War between the States. Second Lieutenant on the staff of General Beverley Robertson, Stuart's Cavalry. Able physician of Amelia County, Virginia, and, as stated by Dr. Hunter H. McGuire, diagnosed the first case of appendicitis ever recognized in Virginia.

*[13] One of the leading surgeons of Washington, D. C.; and present owner of "Dykeland," Amelia County, Virginia.

171 Lelia Jefferson[6] Harvie,
172 William Jefferson[6] Harvie,
173 W. Gordon[6] Harvie,
174 Armistead Taylor[6] Harvie,
175 Otelia G.[6] Harvie.

169 Margaret Heron[6] Harvie; married John J. Allen.

Issue

176 ——[7] Allen, died in infancy,
177 ——[7] Allen, died in infancy.

171 Lelia Jefferson[6] Harvie; married Samuel Jackson Barnett.

172 William Jefferson[6] Harvie; married Mrs. Julia Lewis DaGruytor Anderson, of Charleston, West Virginia.

Issue

178 Margaret Garland[7] Harvie,
179 William Lewis[7] Harvie,
180 Julia Lewis[7] Harvie.

173 W. Gordon[6] Harvie; married French Patton, daughter of Col. John M. and Lucy Crump Patton.

Issue

181 W. Gordon[7] Harvie, Jr.

174 Armistead Taylor[6] Harvie; married Alice Lee, daughter of Robert Randolph and Alice W. Lee, of "Windsor Farm," Powhatan County, Virginia.

Issue

182 Armistead Taylor[7] Harvie, Jr.

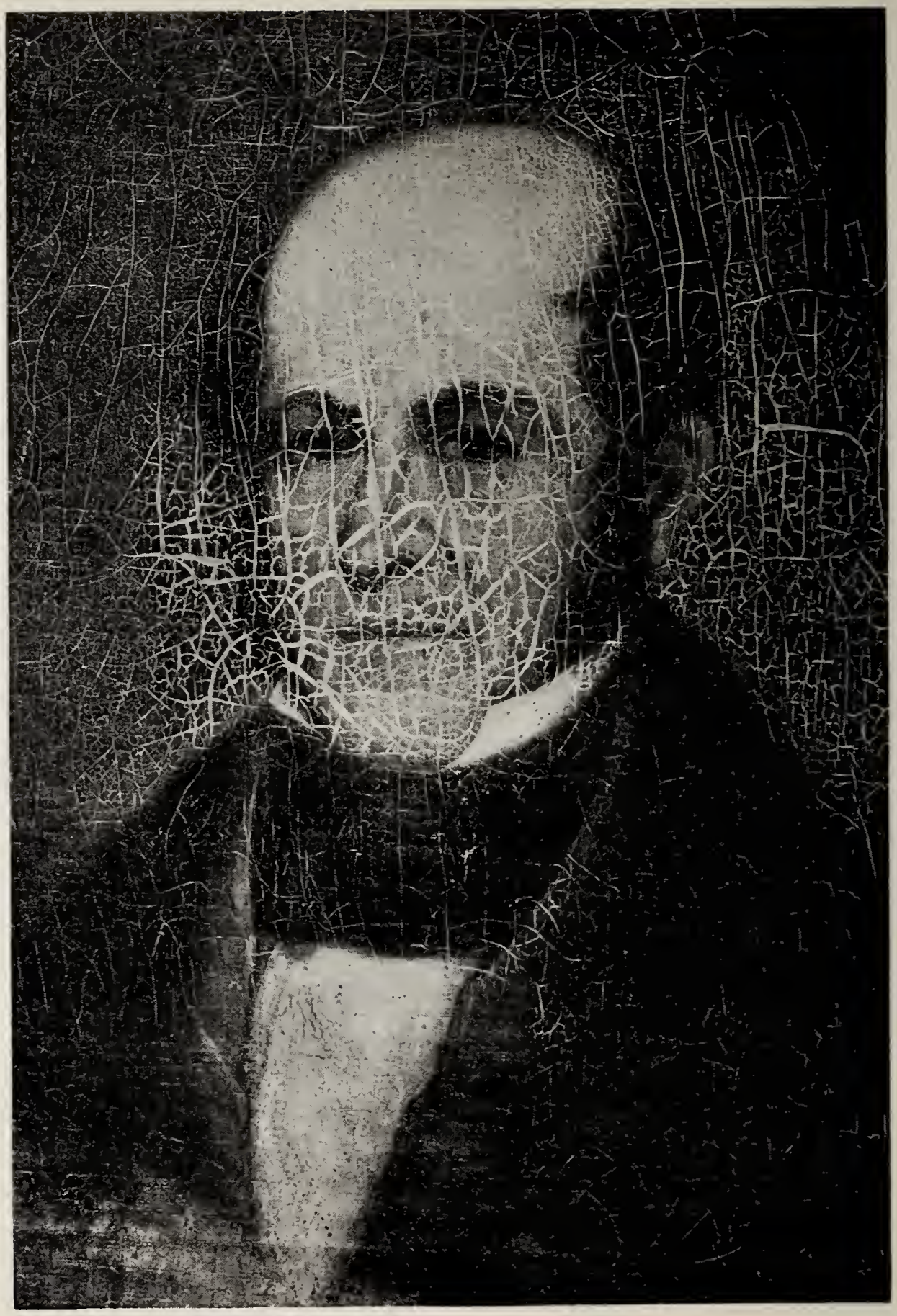
123 Courtney Blair[5] Harvie; married George Keith Taylor, brother of Dr. Armistead G. Taylor.

Issue

183 Richard[6] Taylor; married Mary Green, of Martinsville, Virginia; died without issue.
184 Rosalie G.[6] Taylor,
185 Mary Geddes[6] Taylor,
186 Martha[6] Taylor; married Roane Ruffin, of Petersburg, Virginia.
187 E. Harvie[6] Taylor; married Willie Sue Powers, daughter of William Julius Powers, of Cumberland County, Virginia.
188 Courtney Blair[6] Taylor,
189 George Keith[6] Taylor; married Jennie Hardaway, daughter of Richard Hardaway.

Issue

190 Richard[7] Taylor,
191 Sally H.[7] Taylor.



John Geddes Blair
1787–1851

Eldest son of Rev. John Durburrow Blair. From an oil portrait in the possession of Mr. Lewis Edwin Harvie.

BLAIR-HARVIE FAMILY OF "FIGHTING CREEK"

Branch *b* of B., John Geddes Blair Line

9 Mary Elizabeth[4] Blair, fifth child and second daughter of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair, born November 29, 1819; married, 1842, John Brockenbrough Harvie of "Fighting Creek," Powhatan County, Virginia, son of Edwin James and Martha Hardaway Harvie, and brother of Lewis Edwin Harvie, of "Dykeland." Died August 12, 1912.

Issue

192 Lewis Edwin[5] Harvie, M. D., of Danville, Virginia,
193 Sarah Heron[5] Harvie,
194 James Blair[5] Harvie,
195 Mary Winston[5] Harvie,
196 Eliza Meade[5] Harvie,*[1] died unmarried,
197 Martha Old[5] Harvie,*[2]
198 Peggy Blair[5] Harvie,
199 Fanny Eggleston[5] Harvie.

192 Lewis Edwin Harvie,[5] M. D.; married Martha Rutherfoord, daughter of Samuel and Frances Watson Rutherfoord, of Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

200 Mary Rutherfoord[6] Harvie, married Greenhow Maury.

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*[1] Member of the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and of the Woman's Club, Richmond.

*[2] Member of the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of America, and of the Woman's Club, Richmond.

Issue

201 Lewis Harvie[7] Maury,
202 Robert Henry[7] Maury,*[3] married Anne Maury, his cousin,
203 Greenhow[7] Maury, Jr.,
204 Elizabeth Greenhow[7] Maury, married Stonewall Jackson Slaughter,

Issue

205 Greenhow Maury[8] Slaughter.

206 Mary Blair[7] Maury; married Zack Lanier Whitaker,

Issue

207 Thomas Early[8] Whitaker,
208 Margaret Rutherfoord[8] Whitaker.

209 Frances Anderson[6] Harvie; married James Pinckney Williamson, Jr.; died without issue.
210 John Brockenbrough[6] Harvie; married Erma Stevens,

Issue

211 John Brockenbrough[7] Harvie, Jr.

212 Martha Old[6] Harvie; married William Ayres Johnston.
213 Lewis Edwin[6] Harvie,
214 Sarah Rutherfoord[6] Harvie; married Raymond Hall,

Issue

215 Raymond[7] Hall, Jr.,
216 Sadie Harvie[7] Hall,
217 Frances Bickford[7] Hall.

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*[3] Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Navy.

218 Jane Meade[6] Harvie; married Howard Brandon,

Issue

219 Lewis Edwin Harvie[7] Brandon.

220 Ellen Blair[6] Harvie,
221 Rutherfoord[6] Harvie,
222 Edwin James[6] Harvie; married Mary Roane.

193 Sarah Heron[5] Harvie; married Richard Booker Chaffin, of Amelia County, Virginia.

Issue

223 John Harvie[6] Chaffin,
224 Mary Blair[6] Chaffin,
225 Adaline Willson[6] Chaffin,
226 James Lewis[6] Chaffin,
227 Martha Harvie[6] Chaffin.

223 John Harvie[6] Chaffin, married Bertha Agnew Jones,

Issue

228 Richard Booker[7] Chaffin,*[4] married Lucile Wells,
229 Sarah Agnew[7] Chaffin,
230 John Harvie[7] Chaffin, Jr.

224 Mary Blair[6] Chaffin; married Z. Taylor Vinson, of Huntington, West Virginia.

Issue

231 Taylor Vinson,[7] Jr.; married Betty Jane Nelson,
232 Blair[7] Vinson, died unmarried.

*[4] In U. S. Navy in the World War. For thirteen months in minelaying at Base 18, North Sea; under sixteen years of age at the time of his enlistment.

227 Martha Harvie[6] Chaffin; married William Carter Wickham Renshaw; no issue, but has adopted children.

194 James Blair[5] Harvie; married Mary Lucy Michaux,*[5] daughter of William Walthall and Virginia Bernard Michaux, of "Beaumont," Powhatan County, Virginia.

Issue

233 Virginia Bernard[6] Harvie; married 359 James Edmundson[5] Cannon, son of Henry Gibbon and 355 Margaret Edmundson[4] Blair Cannon, of Richmond, Virginia. (See F., Thomas Rutherfoord Blair Line, page 49.)

234 James Beverley[6] Harvie; married Margaret B. Chamberlayne.

Issue

235 James Beverley[7] Harvie, Jr.,
236 Katherine Byrd[7] Harvie.

237 Mary Blair[6] Harvie; married Charles Marshall Graves,

Issue

238 Mary Michaux[7] Graves,
239 Virginia Bernard[7] Graves, married Miles Cary.

240 Sara Heron[6] Harvie; married Harry Randolph Wayt; died without issue.
241 William Michaux[6] Harvie, died in infancy,
242 John Brockenbrough[6] Harvie; married Audrey Gerard,

*[5] Michaux is one of our early Virginia Huguenot names.

243 Jacob Michaux[6] Harvie,
244 Emily Glasgow[6] Harvie.

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195 Mary Winston[5] Harvie; married Wilson Nicholas Ruffin, son of Francis Gildart and Cary Ann Randolph Ruffin.

Issue

245 John Harvie[6] Ruffin; married Laura V. Walters,

Issue

246 Nelson Randolph[7] Ruffin.

247 Ellen Harvie[6] Ruffin; married James Monroe Featherston,

Issue

248 Ellen Ruffin[7] Featherston, married Franklin Taylor.

249 Wilson Nicholas[6] Ruffin, Jr.; married Pearl Wood,
250 Francis Gildart[6] Ruffin, died in infancy,
251 Lewis Rutherfoord[6] Ruffin, died unmarried,
252 Cary Randolph[6] Ruffin, died unmarried,
253 William Pickett[6] Ruffin, died unmarried,
254 Mary Blair Harvie[6] Ruffin.

198 Peggy Blair[5] Harvie; married John Lancaster Waring,

Issue

255 Adelaide Lancaster[6] Waring; married William Rymond Warman,

Issue

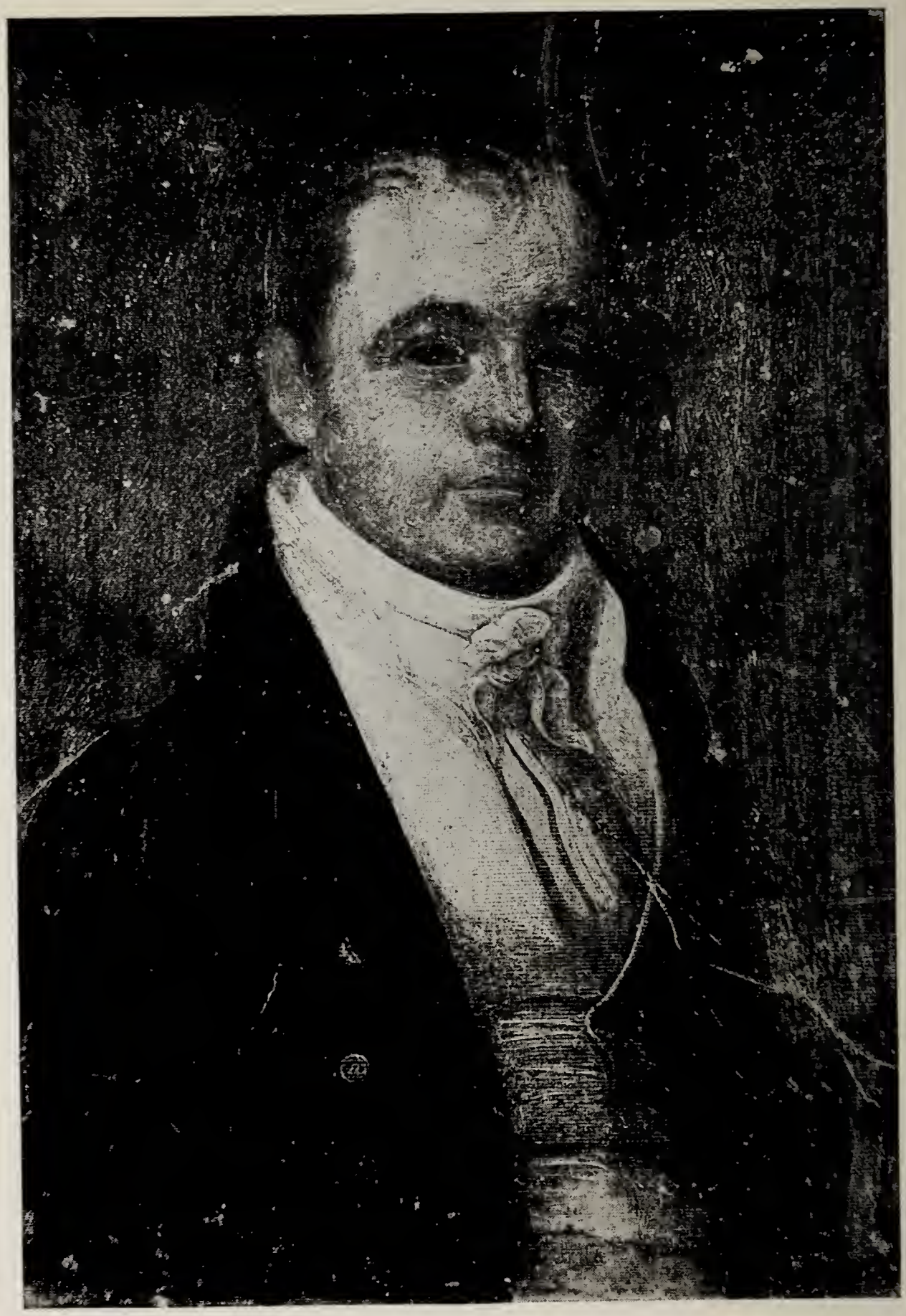
256 Blair Harvie[7] Warman,
257 Philip Crêvelin[7] Warman,
258 William Rymond[7] Warman, Jr.,
259 John Waring[7] Warman,
260 Elizabeth Rymond[7] Warman.

261 John Brockenbrough Harvie[6] Waring; married Lucille N. Mathews.

Issue

262 John Blair Harvie[7] Waring,
263 William J. Mathews[7] Waring,
264 James Chaffin[7] Waring.

199 Fannie Eggleston[5] Harvie; married Peachy S. Dance; died without issue.



Samuel Jordan Blair
1789–1845

Second son of Rev. John Durburrow Blair. From an oil portrait in the possession of Mrs. James Sutton Blair.

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SAMUEL JORDAN BLAIR LINE

265 Samuel Jordan[3] Blair,*[1] third child and second son of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] and Mary Winston Blair, born August 13, 1789; married February 8, 1820, Elizabeth Thilman Trueheart, (b. November 4, 1800; d. August 27, 1874), daughter of Col. William Trueheart, of "Liberty Hall," Hanover County, Virginia. Died March 11, 1845; buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

266 William Trueheart[4] Blair,
267 John[4] Blair,
268 Elizabeth Sydnor[4] Blair,
269 Mary Winston[4] Blair,
270 Albert[4] Blair, died unmarried,
271 Susan[4] Blair.

266 William Trueheart[4] Blair,*[2] born December 15, 1820; married Jane Ronald Mills, daughter of Nicholas Mills, of Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

272 Claudia[5] Blair, married John Osborn Haw.

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*[1] Samuel Jordan Blair, named for his uncle, Major Samuel Jordan Winston, of "Laurel Grove," saw active service during the War of 1812.

A handsome portrait of Samuel Jordan Blair is in possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. James Sutton Blair.

*[2] In active service in the Confederate States Army.

Issue

273 George[6] Wythe Haw.

274 Nicholas Mills[5] Blair,*[3] of "The Hermitage," Amelia County, Virginia; married Bessie Samuel, daughter of A. S. Samuel, of Bowling Green, Virginia; died without issue.

267 John[4] Blair,*[4] born February 8, 1823; married Cornelia A. Dickerson (b. January 21, 1834; d. June 18, 1907), of Danville, Virginia; died December 17, 1904.

Issue

275 Albert[5] Blair, died in infancy,
276 Bettie Baskerville[5] Blair,
277 Mary Mayo[5] Blair,
278 Cornelia[5] Blair, died in childhood.

276 Bettie Baskerville[5] Blair; married William Constable.

Issue

279 Cornelia Blair[6] Constable; married William Reed Martin, M. D.,

Issue

280 Mary Reed[7] Martin.

277 Mary Mayo[5] Blair; married, 1st, James Henry

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*3 "Mills" Blair and his wife lived to celebrate their golden wedding.

*4 In the home service of the Confederate States Army.

Fitts,*[5]; 2nd, Samuel Horace Hawes,*[6] of Richmond, Virginia (his second wife).

Issue

By James Henry Fitts:

281 John Blair[6] Fitts,*[7]
282 Francis Moylan[6] Fitts.*[8]

By Samuel Horace Hawes:

283 ——[6] Hawes, died in early infancy.

281 John Blair[6] Fitts, M. D., of Richmond, Virginia; married Marion E. Mantius,

Issue

284 Marietta[7] Fitts,
285 John Blair[7] Fitts, Jr.,
286 Ruth Morton[7] Fitts,
287 James Henry[7] Fitts.

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*[5] James Henry Fitts, graduate of the University of the South, at Sewanee; graduate of United States Naval Academy, Annapolis; Professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, Virginia. The early death of this brilliant young man was a source of deepest regret to his family connection.

*[6] Samuel Horace Hawes, loved in Richmond, Virginia, for his honorable character and abundant generosity. He was a revered Elder for many years in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond.

Mrs. Mary Mayo Blair Hawes is a member of the Virginia Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

*[7] Hampden-Sydney College; Medical College of Virginia; entered the World War as First Lieutenant, Medical Corps.

Orthopaedic Surgeon, Richmond, Virginia.

*[8] Hampden-Sydney College; Medical College of Virginia; entered the World War as First Lieutenant, Medical Corps; after the World War, Major in U. S. Army, Medical Department.

282 Francis Moylan[6] Fitts, M. D.; married Jeannette Crousser.

268 Elizabeth Sydnor[4] Blair, born February 10, 1826; married Joel Brown Watkins*[9]; died May, 29, 1905.

Issue

288 Elizabeth Blair[5] Watkins, died young,
289 Virginia Walthall[5] Watkins, died young,
290 Mary Courtenay[5] Watkins,*[10]
291 Fanny[5] Watkins, died young,
292 Minnie Stewart[5] Watkins, died young,
293 Leena Custis[5] Watkins.

290 Mary Courtenay[5] Watkins; married Frank Taliaferro, M. D.,

Issue

294 Elizabeth Blair[6] Taliaferro, } twins
295 Mary Hamilton[6] Taliaferro, }

294 Elizabeth Blair[6] Taliaferro, married Stanton Clarke.

Issue

296 Mary Margaret[7] Clarke,
297 Patricia[7] Clarke,
298 Stanton[7] Clarke, Jr.,
299 Thomas Taliaferro[7] Clarke.

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*9 Captain and Aide-de-Camp on the staff of General G. W. C. Lee in the Confederate States Army.

*10 Graduate of Woman's College, Richmond, Virginia.

293 Leena Custis[5] Watkins,*[11] married, 1st, Edward Payson Hall*[12]; 2nd, James Sutton Blair.*[13]

Issue

By Edward Payson Hall:

300 Custis Lee[6] Hall, M. D.*[14]; married Mary Bland Golden,

Issue

301 Custis Lee[7] Hall, Jr.,
302 Mary Josephine[7] Hall,
303 Elizabeth Stocker[7] Hall,
304 Ann Preston[7] Hall.

305 Elsie Margaret[6] Hall; married Clement Turman Haynsworth,

Issue

306 Clement Turman[7] Haynsworth, Jr.,
307 Custis Hall[7] Haynsworth,
308 Elizabeth Blair[7] Haynsworth,
309 Henry John[7] Haynsworth.

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*[11] Graduate Woman's College, Richmond, Virginia.

Member of the District of Columbia Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

*[12] University of Maryland; for many years served on U. S. Board of Pensions Appeals.

*[13] Princeton University; banker of Indiana, Pennsylvania; a descendant of Rev. Robert Blair of St. Andrews, Scotland.

(See page 132.)

*[14] Custis Lee Hall (George Washington University) entered the World War as First Lieutenant of the Medical Corps; mustered out after two years and four months service, with the rank of Major; now Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, George Washington University.

269 Mary Winston[4] Blair; married George K. Crutchfield; no issue.

270 Albert[4] Blair,*[15] born 1830, son of 265 Samuel Jordan[3] Blair and Elizabeth Thilman Trueheart Blair. Died unmarried.

271 Susan[4] Blair, born 1837; married Edward M. Antrim, of Charlottesville, Virginia; died 1913.

Issue

310 Albert Blair[5] Antrim,
311 Edward Monroe[5] Antrim,
312 Elizabeth Winston[5] Antrim,
313 Margaret Gertrude[5] Antrim,
314 Walter Morris[5] Antrim,
315 John[5] Antrim.

310 Albert Blair[5] Antrim; married, 1st, Susie Massie; 2nd, Adrian Davant,

Issue

By Susie Massie Antrim:

316 Edward Massie[6] Antrim; married Corinne Lobb,

Issue

317 Priscilla Massie[7] Antrim.

318 Charles Baker[6] Antrim, died in childhood,
319 Albert Blair[6] Antrim, Jr.; married Lucille Dennison.

*[15] In the Home Service of the Confederate States Army.

Issue

By Adrian Davant Antrim:

320 Thomas Davant[6] Antrim, died in infancy.

312 Elizabeth Winston[5] Antrim; married James Adair Lyon,*[16]

Issue

321 Margaret Blair[6] Lyon,*[17] married Parks Brinkley Pedrick.

Issue

322 Adair Lyon[7] Pedrick,
323 Parks Brinkley[7] Pedrick, Jr.

324 Elizabeth Blair[6] Lyon,*[18]

313 Margaret Gertrude[5] Antrim,*[19] married William Jackson Humphreys.*[20]

314 Walter Morris[5] Antrim; married Katharine Patton.
315 John[5] Antrim; married Lillian Savage.

Issue

325 Elizabeth Baker[6] Antrim,
326 John[6] Antrim, Jr.

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*[16] University of Virginia.
*[17] Sophie Newcomb College.
*[18] Sophie Newcomb College.
*[19] Of Washington, D. C.
*[20] Of the Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.; Ph.D. of the University of Virginia and of Johns Hopkins University.

D.

JAMES BLAIR LINE

327 James[3] Blair,*[1] M. D., fourth child and third son of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[3] and Mary Winston Blair, born October 16, 1792; married Jane Isabella Lesslie,*[2] daughter of John*[3] and Ann Withers Lesslie, of Richmond and "Summer Hill," James River, Chesterfield County, Virginia; died October 5, 1835; buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

328 Hugh[4] Blair,*[4] born September 28, 1824; married Mary Gordon, daughter of John Newton and Louisiana Coleman Gordon; died August 11, 1902.

Issue

329 Florence Lyle[5] Blair,
330 Gordon[5] Blair,*[5]
331 Louisa Coleman Gordon[5] Blair,

332 John Lesslie[4] Blair,*[6] born November 9, 1826; died, unmarried, September 26, 1853,

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*[1] See Longer note 24: James Blair, M. D.

*[2] A miniature of Jane Isabella Lesslie Blair is in possession of her great-granddaughter, Miss Anne Blair Matthews.

*[3] See Longer note: Lesslie Family.

*[4] Druggist and chemist. In Governor Letcher's Home Guard during the Confederacy. Elder in the Grace Street Presbyterian Church, Richmond.

*[5] Richmond College. Druggist and chemist.

*[6] Lawyer. Died of yellow fever in the South, at the age of twenty-seven. A remarkably handsome likeness of John Lesslie Blair is in possession of his nephew, Gordon Blair. It was said of him, "Everybody loved him."

333 Ann Elizabeth[4] Blair, died unmarried,

334 Jane[4] Blair, born August 2, 1831; married her first cousin, 10 James Heron[4] Blair, son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair; died December 20, 1913. (For issue see B., John Geddes Blair Line, pages 18, 19, 20.)

335 James[4] Blair*[7]; married Marie Rosalie von Cortelburg de Dutzèle*[8]; died without issue.

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*[7] The historical records and collections made by Mr. James Blair have been of much use in the compilation of "Blairs of Richmond, Virginia."

*[8] De Deutzèle was a Belgian family of standing. Madame de Deutzèle, of Brussels, Mrs. James Blair's mother, was accorded an honorable title. Mrs. Blair's grandfather, one of Napoleon I's officers, received from the Emperor, on the field of battle, the Cross of the Legion of Honor. This Cross is in possession of Mrs. James Blair.

E.

WALTER DABNEY BLAIR LINE

336 Walter Dabney[3] Blair,*[1] sixth child and fourth son of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] and Mary Winston Blair, born July 8, 1797; married, 1st, October 11, 1823, Ellen Ewing Edmundson (d. July 25, 1830, at the age of twenty-six), daughter of Henry and Polly King Edmundson, of Montgomery County, Virginia; married, 2nd, on September 7, 1833, Louisa Edmonia Wills (d. February 14, 1886), daughter of Willis Wills, of Buckingham County, Virginia. Died April 3, 1878; buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

By Ellen Ewing Edmundson Blair:

337 Henry Edmundson[4] Blair,*[2]

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*[1] Colonel in Virginia State Militia. A highly respected citizen, and a favorite with all for his honor as a business man and for his social qualities. He wished to study for the ministry, but was prevented by weak eyesight.

*[2] Began the practice of law in Salem, Virginia, but enlisted as a volunteer in Hupps' battery, 1861; Second and First Lieutenant; in many important battles of the War between the States and in active service until paroled at Appomattox, 1865. When the Dalgren raid occurred, he was captured by the raiders, and carried some distance with them until Dalgren was killed.

In 1874 Henry Blair served as representative from Roanoke County in the Virginia Legislature; the same year he was elected Judge of the Circuit of the Fourteenth District of Virginia, and occupied the position for over twenty-five years. Judge Blair was of a sunny disposition, delighting in amusing stories and good humor generally. He was a great favorite on his circuit and among his friends and

338 Ellen Edmundson[4] Blair, died unmarried,
339 Walter Mayo[4] Blair, died in infancy.

By Louisa Edmonia Wills Blair:

340 Heningham Elizabeth[4] Blair,*[3]
341 Walter[4] Blair,*[4]
342 Bernard[4] Blair, died in infancy.

337 Henry Edmundson[4] Blair, of Salem, Virginia; married Evelyn Arthur Burks, daughter of Landon and Demaris Wilson Burks.

Issue

343 Ellen Edmundson[5] Blair; married Robert Minor Wiley, M. D., of Salem, Virginia.

Issue

344 Evelyn Blair[6] Wiley; married Walter Clay Chapman.

Issue

345 Evelyn Wiley[7] Chapman.

346 Ellen Blair[6] Wiley; married Howard Rice.

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relatives. He was a highly esteemed Elder of the Presbyterian Church in Salem, Virginia.

*[3] One of the founders of the Richmond City Mission and ever active in its behalf, as in church service. A character of perfect poise, of wise judgment, calm manner, quiet culture, and generosity. "One knew her but to praise." She held ever the deep affection and respect of her many kindred. When her funeral occurred, an unusually early morning hour found large St. James Church filled to do honor to this unpretending woman, who had been true to every person and claim. A lady indeed!

*[4] See Longer note 25: Dr. Walter Blair.

Issue

347 Lillie Ellen[7] Rice,
348 Emily Ann[7] Rice.

349 Blair[6] Wiley (daughter).

340 Heningham Elizabeth[4] Blair, born July 18, 1834; married, August 5, 1868, John Hayes Claiborne; died December, 1905.

Issue

350 Louisa Wills[5] Claiborne*[5]; married George Arnold Frick.
351 Ellen Blair[5] Claiborne*[6]; married Thomas Nelson Williamson, son of Thomas Williamson, of Lexington, Virginia, and Sally Burwell Nelson Williamson, of Clarke County, Virginia.
352 Walter Blair[5] Claiborne.

341 Walter[4] Blair, married Ellen Donnell Smith, daughter of Samuel W. Smith*[7] and Eleanor Donnell Smith.

Issue

353 Ellen Donnell Codrington[5] Blair.*[8]

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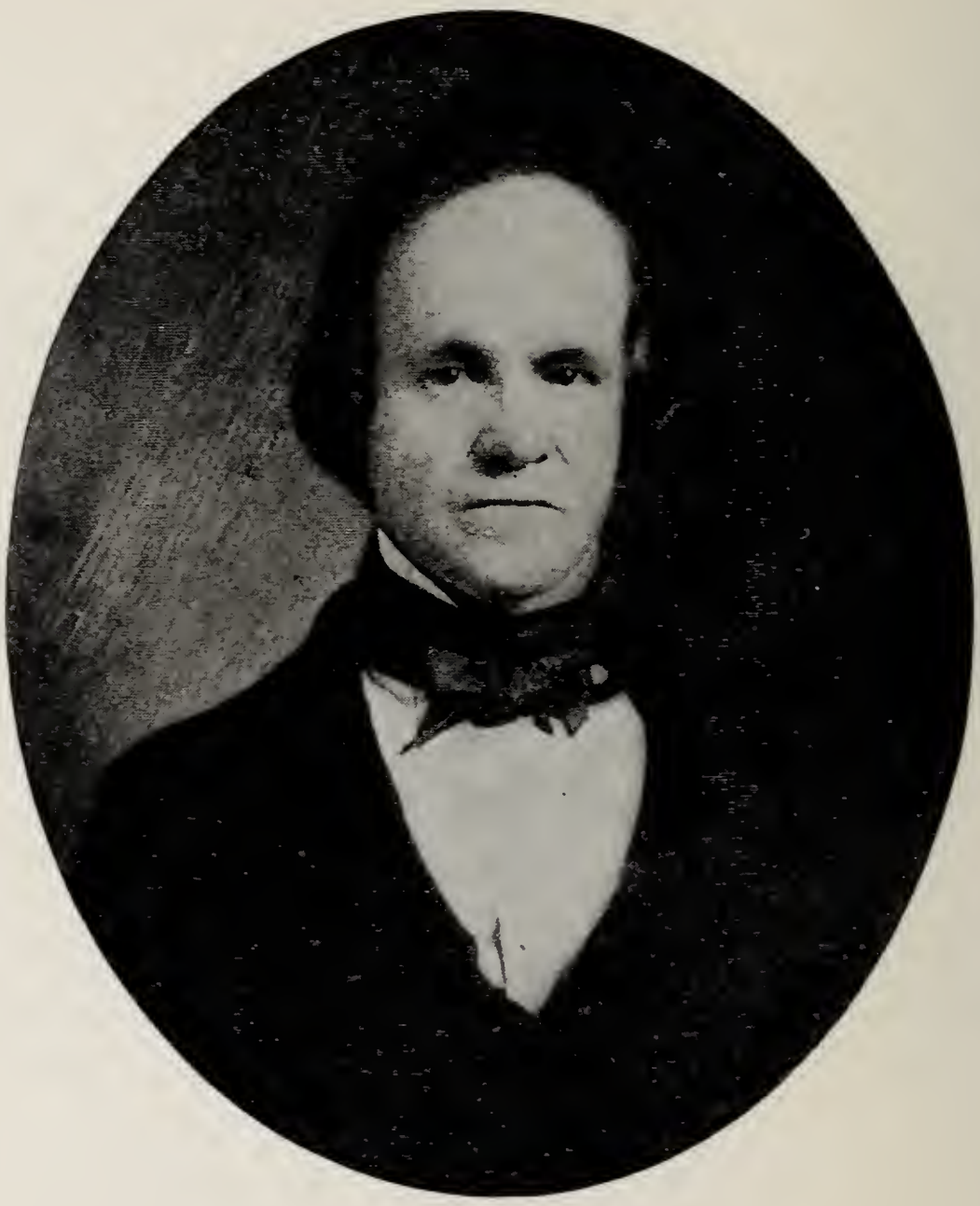
*[5] Member of the Maryland Society of the Colonial Dames of America and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

*[6] Member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

*[7] Member of a distinguished family in Baltimore, Maryland.

*[8] Member of the Virginia Society of Colonial Dames of America, of the Academy of Arts, Richmond, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, of the Hollywood Memorial Society, and of the Woman's Club, Richmond.

Miss Blair is well known for her earnest activities in many patriotic, philanthropic, and church circles.



Thomas Rutherfoord Blair
1804–1846

Youngest son of Rev. John Durburrow Blair. From a photograph in the possession of the family of Mrs. Margaret Blair Cannon.

F.

THOMAS RUTHERFOORD BLAIR LINE

354 Thomas Rutherfoord[3] Blair, eighth child and youngest son of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] and Mary Winston Blair, born October 3, 1804; married Margaret Edmundson (1816–1842), daughter of Henry and Polly King Edmundson and younger sister of Ellen Ewing Edmundson Blair; died December 10, 1846; buried in Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

355 Margaret Edmundson[4] Blair,*[1]
356 Maria[4] Blair,*[2] born 1841; died 1924, unmarried.

355 Margaret Edmundson[4] Blair; married Henry Gibbon Cannon (well known and able lawyer of Richmond, Virginia), November 17, 1869.

Issue

357 Elizabeth Lines[5] Cannon,
358 Thomas Blair[5] Cannon,*[3]

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*[1] Daughter of the Confederacy. For many years an active and devoted member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, and president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Her love for the cause was unwavering and her energies enlisted until her death. Mrs. Cannon felt nothing less than a personal affection for the missionaries, whom she entertained invariably and sumptuously at her house. As a memorial of their affection and appreciation, the ladies of her church presented her with a beautiful silver pitcher—

"She loved the work of the church better than her own life."

*[2] See Longer note 26: Maria Blair.

*[3] Richmond College.

359 James Edmundson[5] Cannon,
360 Gibbon Henry[5] Cannon, died in infancy,
361 Arthur Middleton[5] Cannon,
362 Margaret Antoinette[5] Cannon.

357 Elizabeth Lines[5] Cannon; married Samuel Milnor Price,*[4] of Richmond and "Cool Water," near Norfolk, Virginia, son of Samuel Mosby and Sarah Milnor Armstrong Price.

Issue

363 Sarah Milnor[6] Price; married Robert Lee Nutt, II, son of Robert Lee and Juliet Wylie McClure Nutt.

Issue

364 Robert Lee[7] Nutt, III,
365 Juliet McClure[7] Nutt.

366 Margaret Blair[6] Price; married William Garland Jones, son of William M. and Grace Pettit Jones.

Issue

367 William Garland[7] Jones, Jr.,
368 Milnor Price[7] Jones.

369 Elizabeth Milnor[6] Price; married David Graham Shelbourne, son of William Oscar and Anne Graham Shelbourne.
370 Charlotte Dabney[6] Price; married Herbert Nash Lee, son of Edwin Grey and Elizabeth Nash Lee.

*[4] Prices of "Cool Well," Hanover County, Virginia.

359 James Edmundson[5] Cannon*[5]; married his cousin, 233 Virginia Bernard[6] Harvie, daughter of 194 James Blair[5] and Mary Lucy Michaux Harvie. (See Blair-Harvie Family of "Fighting Creek.")

361 Arthur Middleton[5] Cannon*[6]; married Juliet Winder Waddill, daughter of Judge Edmund and Alma C. Mitchell Waddill.

Issue

371 Alma Waddill[6] Cannon,

372 Margaret Blair[6] Cannon; married Edward Conway Moncure Moore.

Issue

373 Edmund Moncure[7] Moore.

374 Henry Gibbon[6] Cannon,

375 Edmund Waddill[6] Cannon.

362 Margaret Antoinette[5] Cannon, married Basil Dennis Spalding, M. D., of Maryland and Richmond, Virginia.

Issue

376 Henry Cannon[6] Spalding, M. D.,*[7] married Sue Metcalf Sharp, daughter of James and Mary Burton Sharp.

377 Priscilla Moore[6] Spalding; married Owen Morris.

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*[5] Able lawyer, and City Attorney of Richmond, Virginia. Graduate, University of Virginia, Academic and Law.

*[6] Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

*[7] University of Virginia; Johns Hopkins University; graduate, Medical College of Virginia.

Issue

378 Margaret Glenn[7] Morris.

379 Mary Hargraves[6] Spalding,*[8]
380 Basil Dennis[6] Spalding, Jr.

*[8] Sweet Briar College.

A.

ELIZABETH DURBURROW BLAIR MAYO LINE

381 Elizabeth Durburrow[3] Blair,*[1] eldest child of 2 Rev. John Durburrow[2] and Mary Winston Blair, born September 23, 1786; married, April 28, 1808, Joseph Hearne Mayo*[2] (b. November 19, 1784; d. November 17, 1828), son of William and Elizabeth Bland Poythress Mayo; died September 4, 1854.

Issue

382 Mary Blair[4] Mayo,
383 Lucy Fitzhugh[4] Mayo,
384 William P.[4] Mayo,
385 Elizabeth Poythress[4] Mayo, died unmarried.

382 Mary Blair[4] Mayo, born March 13, 1812; married, December 24, 1839, James J. Binford (b. February 15, 1801; d. October 11, 1857), son of Thomas Binford. Died January 15, 1877.

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*[1] Parson Buchanan called his little pet, Betsy Blair, "the Lass with the Golden Locks," and, on account of her red tresses, wrote her a consolatory poem under that title. Her father and one or more of her brothers had reddish hair, and to late generations red hair has marked the Richmond Blairs. This coloring is probably a Scotch-Irish inheritance.

*[2] Joseph Hearne and Elizabeth Durburrow Blair Mayo were buried in the family burying-ground at "Powhatan Seat." In 1894, the remains of persons buried there were removed to Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, and interred in the section of Robert A. Mayo. Mr. Peter H. Mayo, son of Robert A. Mayo, personally superintended the removal of the sacred dust, and erected a handsome and explanatory memorial to mark the spot. The Mayo arms appear.

Issue

386 Joseph Hearne[5] Binford, died, two years of age,
387 Thomas Mayo[5] Binford,
388 Julian[5] Binford,
389 Walter Blair[5] Binford.

387 Thomas Mayo[5] Binford; married John-Geline Woolfolk, daughter of Joseph Washington and Lucinda M. Winter Woolfolk.

Issue

390 Mayo[6] Binford, died unmarried,
391 Woolfolk[6] Binford, died unmarried.

388 Julien[5] Binford,*[3] married Ella McCormick Clowes.

Issue

392 Julien[6] Binford, Jr.,
393 Mary Blair[6] Binford,
394 Walter Clowes[6] Binford,
395 Ella[6] Binford,
396 Edith[6] Binford, died in infancy,
397 Guy Randolph[6] Binford,
398 Lillian[6] Binford.

392 Julien[6] Binford, Jr.; married Elizabeth R. Kennon.

Issue

399 Elizabeth Kennon[7] Binford, died in infancy,
400 Betsy Kennon[7] Binford; married Harvey L. Howell.

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*[3] Enlisted in the Confederate Army service before the age of 16. Served in the Otey battery. (He was a great favorite with his comrades.) Continued in the army until the close of the war.

Issue

401 Betsy Binford[8] Howell,
402 Eleanor Binford[8] Howell.

403 Katherine[7] Binford; married Albert C. Wood.

Issue

404 Katherine[8] Wood.

405 Eleanor[7] Binford,
406 Julien[7] Binford, III, married Margaret Revelle Wood,
407 William Kennon[7] Binford.

393 Mary Blair[6] Binford; married Frank Archer Hobson,

Issue

408 Frank Archer[7] Hobson, Jr.*[4]; married Margaret Macpherson Stoddard.

Issue

409 Frank Archer[8] Hobson, III.

410 Mary Binford[7] Hobson,
411 Julien Binford[7] Hobson, died in infancy.

394 Walter Clowes[6] Binford; married Mabel Toms.
397 Guy Randolph[6] Binford; married Irma Fulgham.
398 Lillian[6] Binford; married Frank Johnson McCarthy.

*[4] University of Virginia.

Issue

412 Frank Johnson[7] McCarthy, Jr.*[5]
413 Julien Binford[7] McCarthy,
414 William Henry[7] McCarthy.

389 Walter Blair[5] Binford, married Caroline Haigh Anderson.

Issue

415 James Anderson[6] Binford, died in infancy,
416 Walter Blair[6] Binford, II,
417 Maria Green[6] Binford,
418 Frank Mayo[6] Binford,

416 Walter Blair,[6] II, married Louise Smith,

Issue

417 Walter Blair[7] Binford, III,*[6]
418 Caroline Smith[7] Binford, married Richard Minter,

417 Maria Green[6] Binford, married De Los Thomas,

Issue

419 De Los Thomas, Jr., died unmarried,*[7]
420 Ria Binford[7] Thomas, married Carter Glass, Jr.,

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*[5] Virginia Military Institute. Editor of "The Bomb," 1932.

*[6] Upon his graduation from high school, saw service with the "Spalding Grays" of Georgia, on the Mexican border; in the Rainbow Division, A. E. F.; served two years in France as Sergeant of Machine Gun Battalion; severely wounded at second battle of the Marne; graduated in civil engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology; railroad positions; in a civil service examination rated second in United States, and given an important position in the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.

*[7] De Los Thomas, Jr., graduate, University of Virginia; in active

Issue

421 Carter[8] Glass, III,
422 Ria De Los[8] Glass,
423 Thomas Reakirt[8] Glass,

424 William Stephenson[7] Thomas, died unmarried,*[8]
425 Helen Gordon[7] Thomas, married Charles Langhorne Lewis,

Issue

426 Helen Gordon[8] Lewis.

418 Frank Mayo[6] Binford, married, 1st, Mary Parker Good; 2nd, Elizabeth Coates.*[9]

Issue

By Mary Parker Good Binford:

427 Frank Good[7] Binford,*[10] married Ernestine Black.

383 Lucy Fitzhugh[4] Mayo, born September 4, 1814; married her first cousin, 6 John Durburrow[4] Blair,

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service in U. S. Naval Aviation during the World War; afterwards lost at sea in a plane of his own between the Bahamas and Florida, February 23, 1923. An excellent record as pilot; one of the men who broke the world's endurance record after the war.

*[8] In U. S. Naval Aviation during the World War; graduate, University of Virginia.

*[9] Before her marriage, superintendent of nurses at Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta; enlisted in the (large) Emory Unit of Georgia, in 1917, which was stationed at Blois, France; remained in service at Blois until the end of the war; mustered out in 1919 with rank of First Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve.

*[10] Georgia Institute of Technology; University of Georgia; civil engineer.

II, son of 4 John Geddes[3] and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair; died March 9, 1873. (For issue see B., John Geddes Blair Line, pages 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.)

384 William P.[4] Mayo, born December 29, 1816; married Alice Reeve; lived in Ashland, Virginia; died January 2, 1881.

Issue

428 Eva Hazlet[5] Mayo, died unmarried,
429 Elizabeth[5] Mayo; married Nelson Noland; died without issue.
430 Alice Reeve[5] Mayo; married Gilbert Whitall Carrington.

Issue

431 Mayo[6] Carrington,*[11] married Lois Cutter.

Issue

432 Nancy Alden[7] Carrington,
433 Mayo[7] Carrington.

434 Mary Hearne[5] Mayo, married Robert Alexander Paine.

Issue

435 William Mayo[6] Paine, died in infancy,
436 Robert Alexander[6] Paine, Jr., married Betty ———; died without issue,
437 Alice Mayo[6] Paine, died unmarried,
438 Elizabeth[6] Paine, died in infancy.

*[11] Of United Fruit Company, Benes, Oriente, Cuba.

Since the compilation of the 6 lines of descent from the Rev. John Durburrow Blair, three new descendants have been reported:—

David Rice Creecy, III, born October 28, 1931, son of 159 David Rice[7] Creecy, Jr., and Anne Irene Walker Creecy.

Robert Taylor Scott, born December 28, 1931, son of 46 Adolphus Blair[7] Scott and Grace Sloan Scott.

Margaret Blair Spalding, born April 6, 1932, daughter of 376 Henry Cannon[6] Spalding, M. D., and Sue Metcalf Sharp Spalding.

LONGER NOTES TO
BLAIRS OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

(LONGER NOTE 1)

REV. SAMUEL BLAIR

Emigrant to America

The Rev. Samuel Blair was born in Ireland, June 14, 1712. He came to America between the years 1713 and 1731.*[1] He received his education at the school of the eminent Presbyterian minister, Rev. William Tennent, in Neshaminy, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, about twenty miles from Philadelphia.*[2] Samuel Blair was licensed to preach at Abington, Pennsylvania, by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, November 9, 1733, and ordained by the Presbytery of East Jersey shortly afterwards. (Noble's "History of the Presbyterian Church of Fagg's Manor," 1876). His first pastoral charge was at Middletown and Shrewsbury, afterwards in the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1734, when Samuel Blair was only twenty-two years old, and continued for five or six years.*[3]

On September 17, 1735, Samuel Blair's name first appears as a member of the Synod of Philadelphia.

The removal of Rev. Samuel Blair to New Londonderry, otherwise Fagg's Manor, Chester County, Pennsylvania,

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*[1] These dates in all probability might be confined to 1718–1730, or even less, since Samuel came to America "as a boy," and pursued both classical and theological studies at the Log College. Rev. William Tennent did not settle at Neshaminy until 1726. (See Dr. Archibald Alexander's letter to Colonel Walter Blair, printed in this volume, and also "The Log College," by Dr. Alexander, page 171.)

*[2] See Longer note 2: The Log College.

*[3] The Presbytery of New Brunswick did not exist until 1738. Mr. Samuel Blair was one of its original members. (Journal of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Vol. VIII, page 50.)

opened the most important period of his life. He received a call as the first minister of the church at Fagg's Manor that winter, was formally installed in April, 1740, and remained its pastor until his death, in 1751.

At Fagg's Manor Mr. Blair opened a classical and theological school, from which went forth some of the ablest ministers of the Presbyterian Church.*[4]

In 1740, Mr. Blair made a journey to East Jersey.

In 1741, he seceded with the New Brunswick brethren from the Synod of Philadelphia.*[5]

Samuel Blair's marriage to Frances Van Hook occurred in, or previous to, 1735. Their oldest son, Joseph Blair, was born 1735–6. Frances Blair was the daughter of Hon. Lawrence Van Hook, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, New York.*[6]

Mr. Blair made missionary journeys into Maryland and Virginia, and a preaching tour in New England during the summer of 1744. To the fact of the latter journey may be due his "Narrative of the Great Revival," written by the request of the Rev. Mr. Prince, of Boston.*[7] We find Rev. Samuel Blair on September 19, 1745, a member of the first

*[4] At Fagg's Manor, Samuel Blair lived on a farm which he bought, and there maintained his academy.

*[5] For the Great Revival, in which the Tennents, Blairs, and others of the "New Side" had so great a share, and for the visits of the Rev. George Whitefield to Neshaminy and Fagg's Manor; for the split in the Presbyterian church into "Old and New Sides" as the result in large part of the Revival, see "Biographical Sketches of the Founder and Principal Alumni of the Log College," by Archibald Alexander, D. D., 1851; and also "History of the Presbyterian Church of Fagg's Manor," by Rev. W. B. Noble, 1876.

*[6] Frances Van Hook Blair died in 1786. Her will is on record in the Office of the Register of Wills, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Foote in his "Sketches of Virginia, First Series," includes a letter from Frances Blair to her children, which is tenderly religious.

*[7] The Narrative is printed in full in "The Log College," pages 173–192.

Synod of New York, which had taken the part of the dissenters of the "New Side" ejected from the Synod of Philadelphia. He was one of the charter trustees of the College of New Jersey (Princeton), 1746–8, which was established by the Synod of New York.*[8]

The Rev. Samuel Blair died in Philadelphia, July 5, 1751, aged thirty-nine years. He is buried in the graveyard at Fagg's Manor Church.*[9]

"He was truly a burning and a shining light," says Dr. Alexander, "one of the most learned and profound, as well as pious, excellent, and venerable men of his day. As a preacher Mr. Blair was very eminent. There was a solemnity in his very appearance, which struck his hearers with awe before he opened his mouth. He spoke as in the view of eternity, as in the immediate presence of God."

Rev. Samuel Davies declared, on his return from Europe,

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*[8] "Abundant in labors, he exerted his activity not only at home but abroad. He preached wherever there was an opportunity to do good. Profoundly interested in the cause of education, he took an active part in the founding of the College of New Jersey, frequently riding on horseback from here (Fagg's Manor) to Princeton, a distance of about one hundred miles, to attend the meetings of its trustees. Such incessant toil no physical frame could long endure. His final sickness laid him low." (Noble's History of Fagg's Manor Church.)

*[9] The inscription on his tombstone reads:

"Here lieth the body of
The Rev. Samuel Blair,
Who departed this life,
The 5th day of July, 1751,
Aged 39 years and 21 days."

"In yonder sacred house I spent my breath,
Now silent, mouldering, here I lie in death;
These lips shall wake again and yet declare
A dread amen to truths they published there."

that he had heard no one preach who, in his judgment, was superior to his former teacher, the Rev. Samuel Blair.

The admirable character of this eminent minister of God was depicted at length in his funeral sermon by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Findley. He adds, "In social life he was worthy of imitation. As a husband, he was affectionate and kind; as a father, tender and indulgent. There was that in him that could engage love and command reverence at the same time. He spoke as he believed; he practiced as he preached; he lived holy, and died joyfully."

The principal writings of the Rev. Samuel Blair were collected by his brother John, after his death, and published in Philadelphia.*[10]

*10 The Works of the
Reverend Mr. Samuel Blair, Philadelphia,
printed and sold by
W. Bradford at the Sign of the Bible
in Second Street: M D C C L I V

"The Preface to the Reader" begins
"Courteous Reader . . " and is signed
"Thy Soul's sincere Wellwisher
John Blair"

Middle-Spring
March 26, 1754
(The volume is octavo and bound in leather.)

"A Sermon by Rev. Samuel Blair and printed by B. Franklin
for the author, 1742, Philadelphia.
(Late minister at Shrewsbury, N. J.)"

This thin volume is one of the treasures of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia.

Issue of Rev. Samuel Blair and Frances Van Hook Blair

Sons

Joseph Blair,*[11] born 1735 or 1736; died aged 12; buried in the graveyard of Fagg's Manor church.
William Blair, an attorney; no further information.
Rev. Samuel Blair, Jr., D. D., born at Fagg's Manor, 1748; died 1810. (See Longer note 3 on page 70.)
Lawrence Blair; no further information.
Isaac Blair,*[12] born 1750; died 1752.

Daughters

Hannah Blair, born at Fagg's Manor, March 15, 1745; married Rev. William Foster, pastor of Upper Octorora and Doe Run churches, Chester County, Pennsylvania.*[13] She died May 14, 1810. She was distinguished for her equanimity of temper, even in view of approaching

*[11] The touching inscription on his tombstone reads:—

"Here lyes what remains of
Joseph Blair who departed
this life May 22nd 1748
aged 12 years.
Singularly dutiful to his Parents
and conscientious towards God
1st Thes. 4th Chap. 14
Them which sleep in Jesus
will God bring with Him."

*[12] Inscription in Fagg's Manor Church graveyard:—

"Here lieth the body of Isaac, the son of the Rev. Mr. Samuel Blair and Frances His Wife who departed this Life the 30th of July 1752, Age 1 year and 8 Months."

*[13] Rev. William Foster (1740–1780) was distinguished in the American Revolution for his patriotic spirit. He encouraged, in his sermons, young men to enlist. Parties of British soldiers were sent by Sir William Howe to arrest him, but he escaped capture.

death. Rev. William and Hannah Blair Foster had a large family of children. They have descendants in western Pennsylvania. Stephen Foster, song writer, author of "My Old Kentucky Home," etc., was their grandson.

Of the following daughters of Rev. Samuel and Frances Blair we have no dates.

Mary Blair, married the Rev. David Rice,*[14] of Hanover County, Virginia. They had eleven children.

Elizabeth Blair, married her first cousin, the Rev. George Duffield, son of her father's sister, Margaret Blair, who married George Duffield.*[15] Issue reported extinct.

Sarah Blair, married the Rev. John Carmichael, a well-known divine, pastor of the old Manor Church at the Forks of the Brandywine in Chester County, Pennsylvania. She was one of three wives, two of whom are buried, as is their hsuband, in the graveyard of the Manor Church. Sarah's tomb could not be found there (1930).

Martha Blair, married Dr. Samuel Edmiston, a physician of Fagg's Manor. Their daughter, Mrs. Margaret D. Turner, lived to be over 90.*[16]

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*[14] The Rev. David Rice, known as "Father Rice," missionary and (it is said) first Presbyterian minister of Kentucky.

*[15] The Rev. George Duffield, of Philadelphia, an ardent patriot of the Revolution, Chaplain, with Bishop White, of the Continental Congress, served also with the American Army in New Jersey, a reward of 50 £ on his head. As pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Fourth and Pine Streets, a tablet was erected to his memory in the church, under the lecture-room of which building he was buried.

*[16] Members of the Turner family represented the line of the Rev. Samuel Blair at the 200th anniversary celebration, August 28, 1930, of Fagg's Manor Presbyterian Church. In the historical pageant, the Rev. J. D. Edmiston Turner impersonated his ancestor, Rev. Samuel Blair.

Francina Blair, married Mr. James Moore, a farmer.
Susannah Blair, married Mr. Sanderson, a merchant.

The will of Rev. Samuel Blair is on record in the Office of the Register of Wills, West Chester, Pennsylvania (1751). He mentions all of the above chidren, except Joseph, who died 1747–48.

(LONGER NOTE 2)

THE LOG COLLEGE

This famous classical and theological school at Neshaminy, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, about twenty miles from Philadelphia, is thus referred to by the distinguished Archibald Alexander, D. D., President of Princeton, in his book "Biographical Sketches of the Founder and Principal Alumni of the Log College." (Printed 1851.)

"The place wherein the young men study now, is in contempt called *The College*. It is a log house, about twenty feet long, and near as many broad; and to me it seemed to resemble the school of the prophets. From the despised place seven or eight worthy ministers of Jesus have lately been sent forth; more are about ready to be sent, and the foundation is now laying for the instruction of many others."

Of Mr. Tennent, the head of the school: "An old gray-headed disciple and soldier, and eminent servant of Jesus Christ." (Quoted by Dr. Alexander from the journal of Rev. George Whitefield, November, 1738.)

"It was the first literary institution above the common school in the bounds of the Presbyterian Church." "An institution of unspeakable importance to the Presbyterian church in this country." "The germ not only of New Jersey college (Princeton), but of several other colleges risen to

high estimation in the country. Most of the ministers who exerted themselves in the establishment of the New Jersey College had received their training within the walls of this humble institution. Besides Dickenson and Burr, who were graduates of Yale College, the active friends and founders of Nassau Hall were the Tennents, Blairs, Finley, Smith, Rogers, Davis and others."

(LONGER NOTE 3)

REV. SAMUEL BLAIR, Jr., D. D.
(1741–1810)

Samuel, son of Rev. Samuel Blair, emigrant, graduated with honor at the College of New Jersey. He declined, at the age of twenty-six, the presidency in order to prefer Dr. Witherspoon for that office. "As colleague minister of Old South Church, Boston, he proved an acceptable and eloquent preacher of the gospel, a beloved shepherd of the flock." His voice and constitution permanently injured by a shipwreck, he devoted his life to those services of religion within his power: organized (largely) the Presbyterian Church at Germantown and occupied chaplaincies in the Revolutionary army and Congress. He was highly valued in the church assemblies.

Rev. Samuel Blair, Jr., married Susan Shippen, of Germantown, and left descendants.

(See "Blair Family" by Roberdeau Buchanan, in Rare Book Deparment, Library of Congress.)

The Shippen-Blair House still stands in Germantown, Philadelphia.

(LONGER NOTE 4)

REV. JOHN BLAIR

Emigrant to America

John Blair, born in 1720, emigrated from Ireland to America early in the 18th Century. He was the younger brother by eight years of the Rev. Samuel Blair, emigrant. Their similar lives and connections were often so close that personal history is repeated. Both were brought to this country as boys. Both received a classical and theological education at the Log College, Neshaminy, Pennsylvania. Both were licensed, ordained, and accepted pastoral charges as Presbyterian ministers at an early age. Both were inspired with a zeal for preaching the gospel, and for promoting Christian education; both were fired with a missionary spirit. Samuel and John Blair married early, leaving each a large family of sons and daughters. Both were distinguished for their pulpit excellence and theological learning, Samuel Blair excelling in the former attainment. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, though divided in death by a score of years.

It becomes suitable, therefore, to distinguish, in its particulars, the career of the Rev. John Blair. Whether he accompanied his elder brother Samuel to America, we do not yet know. A family tradition has it that he left Ireland when only six years old. One writer states that "he came to this country when quite young and settled with his father near Brandywine Creek in Chester County, Pennsylvania." *17

His arrival in this country probably took place between the dates of 1726 and 1739.*18

*17 From an address by Rev. Samuel S. Wylie, in "The Centennial Celebration of Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church," published 1895.

*18 See "Research," in this volume, concerning the parentage and emigration of Revs. Samuel and John Blair.

He was licensed to preach by the "New Side" Presbytery of Newcastle, Pennsylvania,*[19] and before that must have spent at least several years at the school in Neshaminy.

The Rev. John Blair's first pastoral charge comprised the three churches of Big Spring (Newville), Middle Spring, and Rocky Spring, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, "then on the very frontier of civilization, where the war-whoop of the savage was still heard. There, at the age of 22 years, he was ordained and installed December 27, 1742." (Noble's "History of the Presbyterian Church of Fagg's Manor.") "Rev. Blair lived at Middle Spring (near Rocky Spring) in the centre of his large field of labor, on a farm now owned by W. S. Zeegler (1894). He married a Miss Denburrow (Durburrow) of Philadelphia and lived in a style altogether above that of his plain parishoners. He was a great untiring worker. He was frequently absent from the Springs and engaged in revival work and preaching tours in Virginia." (Rev. Samuel Wylie's address in "The Centennial Celebration of Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church.")

"This indefatigable servant of Christ, during this pastorate, made frequent preaching tours, especially southward, for at that time the laborers were few. He penetrated twice to the Valley of Virginia, preaching wherever he went with great acceptance and power, and organizing churches in destitute regions." (Noble's "History of the Presbyterian Church of Fagg's Manor.") "He visited the valley and places east of the Ridge in 1745, and again in 1746, and during his last visit he organized the congregations of North Mountain, New Providence, Timber Ridge, and Forks of James." (Foote's Sketches of Virginia, First Series, page 119.)*[20]

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*[19] Newcastle Presbytery was split in two by the division in the church. The records of New Side Newcastle Presbytery are lost. We have therefore no assured date for his license to preach. The probable date is 1742.

*[20] For Rev. John Blair's visit in 1745 to Hanover County, Virginia, see "Foote's Sketches, First Series," pages 132, 133. His son,

In 1757 Rev. John Blair removed to Fagg's Manor to succeed his brother (deceased 1751) in the pastorate of the church there. How long he had remained as the minister of the Three Springs Churches is uncertain. "Mr. Blair labored at Big Spring six years," says Mr. Noble. "Sprague, Alexander, and Webster," says another writer, "agree that Rev. John Blair's reason for leaving the Springs was due to incursions of Indians, but any one conversant with that period knows that between the settlers and Indians there were no outbreaks in 1748. We all know that after the disastrous defeat of Braddock, July 9th, 1755, and the retreat of Dunbar the tardy, the valley in every part and especially this part was swept by fire and sword, the scalping knife and tomahawk of an exultant savage foe. Seven hundred families left the valley and 1384 were refugees in Shippenburg. Mr. Blair with his family would then have to flee, in 1755, for their lives. No historian of his life gives the least idea of what he did or where he spent his time, if he left in 1748, until 1757, the date of his next pastorate. Is it likely that this man in the prime of his manhood and in the full

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Rev. John Durburrow Blair, afterwards followed in his father's footsteps, and began his pastoral work in Hanover County.

Of the congregations organized by Rev. Mr. Blair in the Valley of Virginia, in 1746, several were in the vicinity of Lexington, Rockbridge County (Foote's Sketches, pages 119, 133). Timber Ridge Church stands eight miles south of the town, on the present Lee Highway. The building dates from 1756, is of gray stone, pleasing to the artist's eye, without and within, and delightfully situated with the mountains in view. On the rear wall near the pulpit a large memorial tablet to the long line of its ministers records first, "Organized by the Rev. John Blair in 1746." New Providence Church, not far away, is near the village of Brownsburg. Both of these churches are to-day in active usefulness after a service of one hundred and eighty-five years. North Mountain meeting-house, or Brown's meeting-house, first stood eight or nine miles from Staunton on the Middlebrook road; now in two congregations, Hebron and Bethel. The church at Forks of James was oftener called Hall's meeting house; also New Monmouth; also New Monmouth and Lexington.

possession of his many talents would have remained in idleness those nine years? From such facts the best conclusion is that he left this valley in the autumn of 1755, and in those unsettled times the pastoral relation was not dissolved until 1757 when he accepted a call to the Faggs Manor Church." (Rev. Samuel S. Whaley in "The Centennial Celebration of Rocky Spring Presbyterian Church.")*[21]

"In 1757 Mr. Blair accepted a call to Fagg's Manor, and took up both in church and school the work from which his sainted brother had been removed. In both departments he was eminent and successful. He was fully as learned a man and as profound a theologian as his brother, though he does not seem to have equalled him in the fire of pupit eloquence. Both church and school flourished, and the latter continued to send out able men to preach the gospel. Mr. Blair's pastorate lasted ten years." (Noble's "History of the Presbyterian Church of Fagg's Manor.")

"When Dr. Finley, chosen president of Nassau Hall, died, a sum of money having been left for the support of a pro-

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*[21] The contention would seem well taken, and is confirmed by this statement recently found in the handwriting of his son, Rev. John Durburrow Blair: "In 1757 in consequence of Indian wars, he removed and accepted a call from Fagg's Manor congregation in Chester County." We have several glimpses, nevertheless, of Mr. Blair in this period:

In 1751 he was chosen moderator of the Synod of New York.

"In July, 1754, we find him with Rev. Samuel Findley in New York City, supplying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church and endeavoring to harmonize contending factions in the congregation. In the meetings of Synod we find him taking an active part in those measures which look toward, and finally result in, the union of the Old Side and the New Side. We find his name on all the committees of conference which were appointed, and he was one of the commission to draft a plan of union, upon which plan a union was effected, May 29, 1758, after a separation of seventeen years. John Blair seems from this to have been eminent as a peacemaker."

(Noble's "History of the Presbyterian Church of Fagg's Manor.")

fessor of divinity, Mr. John Blair was elected professor of theology in the College of New Jersey. This invitation he accepted, and removed to Princeton. He was also appointed vice-president of the college, and until the arrival of Dr. Witherspoon, performed (for two years) all the duties of president." *22 ("The Log College," p. 198.)

"John Blair received the honorary degree of A. M. from Princeton in 1760. He was Trustee of Princeton 1766–67, and again 1767–9; Professor of Theology and Moral Philosophy 1767–69, and Vice-President of the College from 1767–1768." *23

"The funds of the college not being adequate to support a professor of theology distinct from the president, Mr. Blair judged it would be expedient for him to resign. Upon this he received a call to settle as pastor of a Presbyterian congregation in Wallkill (otherwise Goodwill), Orange County, New York. Here he continued to labor until he was called away from the field by death, which occurred Dec. 8, 1771, in his 52nd year. In his last sickness, he imparted his advice to the congregation, and represented to his family the necessity of an interest in Christ. A few nights before he died, he said, 'Directly I am going to glory—my Master calls me, I must be gone.'" ("The Log College," pages 198–199.)

In the summer of 1931, Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton Blair paid a visit to Wallkill (or Goodwill), about one-half mile from Montgomery, on the west side of Hudson River, twelve miles below Newburgh. Mrs. Blair stated: "The present

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*22 "The College of New Jersey having been founded with the special view of educating young men for the ministry, the Trustees were desirous of obtaining a suitable person to be professor of theology, and on looking over the Presbyterian Clergy, no one seemed to them to possess higher qualifications than Mr. John Blair."

(Dr. Alexander's letter to Col. Walter Blair.)

*23 Letter from James Thayer Gerould, Librarian, Princeton University, to Mrs. Edward Hall, December 6, 1927.

parsonage was built about 1818 to replace the former two-story house in which John Blair lived and died. We saw a beautiful carved white wooden colonial mantel which had been removed from the former house. We walked a short distance from the manse to the church. Originally of logs, it had been enclosed in brick, the same dimensions and proportions being maintained. A white marble tablet to the memory of John Blair is on the front wall beside the pulpit, similar to the one on his grave, as given in "The Two Parsons." (See page 35.) The cemetery is very lovely, enclosed in a stone wall and is beautifully kept. More Revolutionary soldiers are buried there than in any other cemetery west of the Hudson River. The stone that marks John Blair's grave is upright and tall, made of sandstone. It is in good condition. I asked Mr. Thompson, the minister, if he had any theory as to what happened to the Blair family after John's death. He said there was no evidence that the widow or any of the family remained, nor is there a grave of any Blair near to John's. Perhaps they went to Princeton." *24

"Mr. Blair died of a consumptive disorder. An account of his death was written by his eldest daughter." (Missionary Magazine, Vol. III, Philadelphia, 1807.)

The following is the inscription on his tombstone, at Wallkill:

"Here lie interred the remains of the Rev. Mr. John Blair, A. M., who departed this life December 6, 1771, in the 52nd year of his age.

He was a gentleman of a masterly genius. A good scholar, and excellent divine. A very judicious, instructive, and solemn preacher. A laborious and successful minister of Christ. An eminent Christian—A man of great prudence—and a bright example of every social virtue.

*24 The widow of John Blair, Elizabeth Durburrow Blair, may have sought, with her children, a home with her father's family in Philadelphia.

He was some time Vice President of Nassau Hall, and Professor of Divinity in the College of New Jersey, which places he filled with fidelity and reputation. He lived greatly beloved, and died universally lamented."

"For his large family he amassed no fortune, but he left them what was infinitely better, a religious education, a holy example, and prayers which have been remarkably answered. His disposition was uncommonly patient, placid, benevolent, disinterested and cheerful. He was too mild to indulge bitterness or severity; and he thought that the truth required little else than to be fairly stated to be properly understood. Those who could not relish the savour of his piety, loved him as an amiable, and revered him as a great man. Though no bigot, he firmly believed that the Presbyterian form of Government is most Scriptural, and the most favourable to religion and happiness." *[25]

Rev. John Blair married, in 1745, Elizabeth, daughter of John Durburrow, of Philadelphia, said to have been an English merchant there.*[26]

Issue

Twelve children; nine survived their father; seven reached maturity. In 1807 six were living.

(The order of ages of the following sons and daughters has not been absolutely determined.)

William Lawrence Blair, born probably between 1750 and 1754. Graduated at Princeton, with the degree of A. M., in 1769. Studied law. Removed to Kentucky.

Judge Samuel Blair, of Kentucky; married Mary Ward. Left issue.

Rebecca Blair, said to have been the 3rd daughter of Rev. John Blair; born probably between 1751 and 1757; mar-

*[25] The above description accurately fits his son, the Rev. John Durburrow Blair.

*[26] See "Research."

ried, January, 1774, Rev. William Linn, colleague pastor of the Collegiate Church of New York City, one of the city's most eloquent preachers. He received many honors, occupied many offices, and earnestly assisted the American Revolution.

Rev. William and Rebecca Blair Linn (his first wife), had seven children: among these—

A. Elizabeth Linn, married Charles Brockden Brown, the first American novelist of repute.

B. Rev. John Blair Linn.*[27] He inherited the great talents of his father, and was distinguished besides as a writer. Installed co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, he began a brilliant, fruitful ministry, but one of short duration; he died after a five years' pastorate.

Susan, a writer; married Simeon De Witt, Surveyor General of the U. S.

IV. Rev. John Durburrow Blair (1759–1823).*[28]

V. Judge James Blair,*[29] born December, 1762, at Fagg's Manor, Pennsylvania; graduated at Princeton (.....?), removed to Kentucky in 1800. Attorney-General of Kentucky and Judge of the District Court, Fayette County, Kentucky; married, January 2, 1789, Elizabeth

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*[27] "A very prodigy of talent, learning, and poetic genius." (Rev. E. Erskine, D. D.)

By his third wife, the Rev. Wm. Linn had a son, Archibald Laidlie Linn, who was the father of the Rev. John Blair Linn (II) of Texas.

It is to be regretted that the scope of this genealogy cannot include the other interesting and talented descendants of the Rev. William Linn. For information see a pamphlet entitled "The Rev. William Linn, S. T. D.," reprinted from "Year Book of Collegiate Dutch Church for 1888."

*[28] See Longer note 7: Rev. John Durburrow Blair.

*[29] Attorney-General James Blair is said to have been largely responsible for the admission of Kentucky to the Union.

Preston, daughter of John Smith and Susan Patton Preston, of Tinkling Spring, Virginia.

Issue

A. Francis Preston Blair, born 1791 at Abingdon, Virginia; graduated at Transylvania University, Kentucky; married Eliza Violet Howard Gist. He was a distinguished editor, writer, and politician. Died in Washington, D. C., October 18, 1876.*[30] Among his descendants of note:—

1 Hon. Montgomery Blair, eldest son, born in Franklin County, Kentucky, 1813; graduated at U. S. Military Academy, West Point, 1835. In St. Louis, Missouri, U. S. District Attorney, 1839–1843; Judge of Court of Common Pleas, 1843–1849. Removed to Maryland, 1852. Brigadier General U. S. Army, March, 1864. Postmaster General in Lincoln's administration, being able and successful in that office. Editor of "The Washington Union," 1877. Married Mary Elizabeth Woodbury, daughter of Judge L. Woodbury. Hon. Montgomery Blair died July 27, 18....?

2 William Blair, married Miss Jessup, daughter of Admiral Jessup.

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*[30] Extract from a letter from General Robert E. Lee to Hon. Reverdy Johnson, United States Senate, February 25, 1868.

"I never intimated to any one that I desired the command of the United States Army; nor did I ever have a conversation with but one gentleman, Mr. Francis Preston Blair, on the subject, which was at his invitation, and, as I understood, at the instance of President Lincoln. After listening to his remarks, I declined the offer he made me, to take command of the army that was to be brought into the field." ("Recollections and Letters of General Robert E. Lee," by his son, Captain Robert E. Lee.)

During 1864–65 Francis Preston Blair went to Richmond under safe conduct of President Lincoln, to discuss peace and compromise with President Davis. This led to the Hampton-Roads Conference.

Issue

Mrs. Violet Blair Janin.

3 Francis Preston Blair, Jr. (Frank P.), graduated at Princeton, 1849; lawyer in St. Louis; Brigadier General in United States Army, 1861; Major General, 1862; Senator, 1871–1873; married ——— Alexander; died in St. Louis, July 8, 1875.*[31]

VI. Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth Durburrow Blair, married ——— Burrowes.

VII. Hannah Hodge Shippen Blair,*[32] resided with her brother, Rev. John Durburrow Blair, in Richmond, Virginia; died unmarried, August 29, 1831, in her 70th year; buried near her brother John in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond.

The data for the children of Rev. John Blair and Elizabeth Durburrow Blair, his wife, has been obtained largely from "The Blair Family," by Roberdeau Buchanan, in the Rare Book Department, Library of Congress, and from a family chart compiled some years ago, in the possession of Mr. William Harrison Blair, of Richmond.

There are only a few things written by the Rev. John Blair which have been published, and these are occasional sermons

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*[31] For further notice of the distinguished family of Francis Preston Blair, see Longer note 5: "The Silver Spring Blairs."

Consult George Baber's "Blairs of Kentucky." Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Volume XIV.

*[32] The entry of her death in the Blair Bible and the date on her tombstone give 1831, aged 69 years. (As she survived her brother, John Durburrow, eight years, he could not have made the entry.) She would, in consequence, have been born in 1762, the same year assigned to the birth of her brother, Judge James Blair, of Kentucky.

and tracts in defense of important truths. A considerable part of his manuscripts were burnt by an accidental fire in his study.

"'The New Creation Delineated,' delivered at Philadelphia, February 26, 1767, by John Blair, A. M., minister at Fagg's Manor. Published at the request of a number of hearers. Printed by William and Thomas Bradford, at the London Coffee House."

This sermon is introduced by the words "Candid Reader," and ends "Courteous Reader, thy Soul's Servant for Christ's sake, John Blair, Fagg's Manor, March 14, 1767." (From the "Hazard Pamphlets," in the Rare Book Division, Library of Congress.)

"Essays by John Blair, pastor of the church of Goodwill, (alias Wallkill) in the State of New York, Goodwill, Dec. 21st, 1770." (Library of Congress.)

"'Essays on the Sacraments of the New Testament' by J. Blair, A. M., Pastor of the church of Goodwill (alias Wallkill) in the State of New York. Reprinted by Collier and Adam, Litchfield, Conn."

(LONGER NOTE 5)

THE SILVER SPRING BLAIRS

The distinguished line of Francis Preston Blair and his descendants have been designated "The Silver Spring Blairs" from the name of their well-known country estate near Washington, D. C. The high positions taken by men of this line can be read in more detail in any of the larger American or English biographical dictionaries. This family has long occupied a recognized position in Washington society. Among its well known women may be mentioned Mrs. Violet Janin. In deference to her, the Colonial Dames of

the District of Columbia, of which she is President, hold their official meetings at her house, in the congenial atmosphere of the handsome portraits and many interesting relics of their president's family. Mrs. Janin is an accomplished linguist; her library, of 8,000 volumes, contains many rare and beautiful editions of the foreign classics.

(LONGER NOTE 6)

LETTER TO COLONEL WALTER BLAIR

From Reverend Archibald Alexander, D. D.,
President of Princeton.

Princeton, March 4, 1830

Colonel Walter Blair,

Dear Sir,

The memoirs of your father's family which I promised to send you are herewith subjoined.

The Reverend Samuel Blair and the Reverend John Blair (your grandfather) were brothers, and both natives of the north of Ireland, but were brought to America when boys. They were both educated at the famous school at Neshaminy, in Buck's County, Pennsylvania, under the care of the Reverend W. Tennent, the father of Gilbert and William Tennent. The school obtained the name of the Log College, as the school was taught in a house constructed of logs. Samuel was the eldest of the brothers, and having turned his attention to the holy ministry, and having been licensed to preach the Gospel, he was soon settled as a pastor in the congregation of Fagg's Manor, in Chester City, Pa. which is situated very near the line of the State of Delaware a few miles north of Wilmington. Here he preached with great zeal, power, and success. His ministry was richly blessed as the means of turning many sinners from darkness to light. But as there was at that time no college among the Presby-

terians, Mr. Samuel Blair instituted an academy similar to the one in which he himself had been educated. In this school some of the brightest luminaries of the Presbyterian Church received their education. In this number was Samuel Davies, so celebrated afterwards in Virginia, Alexander Cumming, John Rodgers, Hugh Henry, etc. To his pupils he not only furnished a shining example of Christian piety, but also a model of pulpit eloquence. His preaching was awfully solemn, and in a high degree impressive. He lived in a time of a most extensive revival which was carried on by the preaching of the Reverend Whitefield, the Tennents, and the Blairs, and in Pennsylvania no man was more instrumental in promoting this good work than the Reverend Samuel Blair. He travelled much and preached often with most remarkable success. An old Presbyterian elder informed me that, when a young man, he was led by curiosity to hear him; and in going to the meeting-house he had to pass the house where Mr. B. was lodging. He was walking back and forward in the yard with his arms folded, and he assured me that he had a look of such awful solemnity that the very sight of the man struck a kind of terror to his heart; and when he mounted the pulpit and preached from the words "Except a man be born again, etc." he was cut to the heart. His convictions never left him until he embraced Christ by faith, in the profession of which he had been living more than half half a century, when above forty years ago he gave me this account. Although Mr. B. was so remarkable for solemnity of appearance both in the pulpit and out of it, yet he was by no means austere or morose in his manners, but in Christian intercourse was mild and courteous, and possessed a truly kind and catholic spirit.

On account of different views of the great revival which had extended over a great part of the country, the Presbyterian church was unhappily split into two parts, the one of which was denominated The Old Side, the other The

New Side. The former opposed the revival, the latter promoted and defended it. Both the Blairs were leaders in the party which stood up for the revival; and Mr. Samuel Blair published in 1744 "A Narrative of the State of Religion in Several Parts of Pennsylvania," a pamphlet which I have never been able to lay my hands on. It no doubt contained an authentic account of that great work of grace. He also published "Animadversions on the Reasons of A. Craighead for quitting the Presbyterian Church". I have in early life seen a thin octavo volume of his sermons, but I am apprehensive that his writings are all out of print.

The Reverend John Blair (your grandfather) was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Newcastle; but in what year I am not informed. But I find that as early as 1742, he was settled in the ministry in a congregation in Cumberland cty., (probably Carlisle), but this being a frontier settlement was greatly harassed by the hostile invasion of the Indians, on which account he was obliged to leave that part of the country. The congregation of Fagg's Manor having become vacant by the death of the Reverend Sam'l Blair, preferred a call to his brother, which he accepted, and took charge also of the Classical Academy which the Reverend Sam'l Blair had instituted. In this situation he continued for nine years, preaching with much acceptance and success. And here in all probability your father, Reverend John Durburrow Blair, was born.

But the college of New Jersey having been founded with the special view of educating young men for the ministry, the Trustees were desirous of obtaining a suitable person for the professor of theology, and on looking over the Presbyterian clergy, no one seemed to them to possess higher qualifications than Mr. John Blair. To this important office he was therefore invited; on which he resigned his pastoral charge and his academy, and took up his residence at Princeton, New Jersey. The college being left destitute of a presi-

dent by the successive deaths of several eminent men, Mr. Blair was requested to take the management of the institution into his hands, which he accordingly did, and acted as president until the arrival of Dr. Witherspoon. He now resigned his professorship and retired into Orange County in the state of New York, and accepted an invitation to settle in Wall-Kill, where he remained until the time of his death, which event occurred in the year 1771, in the eighth day of December. He is represented to have been a judicious and persuasive preacher, whose ministry was greatly blessed to the conversion of sinners and the edification of the pious. That he was a sound and clear-headed theologian is evident from some of his discourses which are still extant, as well as from his being selected to fill the office of professor of theology in the college. His usual mode of preaching was from short notes, for his occupations were so incessant that he had not time to write out his sermons in full; and his mind was so well furnished that he had no need to write everything which he spoke. His disposition was uncommonly placid, patient, and benevolent. He was also remarkable for a disinterested and cheerful spirit. He never indulged in any bitterness towards those who opposed him or differed from him. He was of the opinion that truth only needed to be fairly exhibited and properly understood to make its way. Even those who c'd not relish his piety c'd not but admire his amiableness and respect his talents. In his last sickness he gave much good advice to his people, and urged upon his family the necessity of an interest in Christ. Shortly before his decease, he said, "I am going to glory ——— My Master calls me, and I must be gone."

In his principles he was a thorough Presbyterian both in doctrine and church government, but he was no bigot, but charitable to good men who differed from him. The only pieces of his which I have read are "A Treatise on Regeneration" and another on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

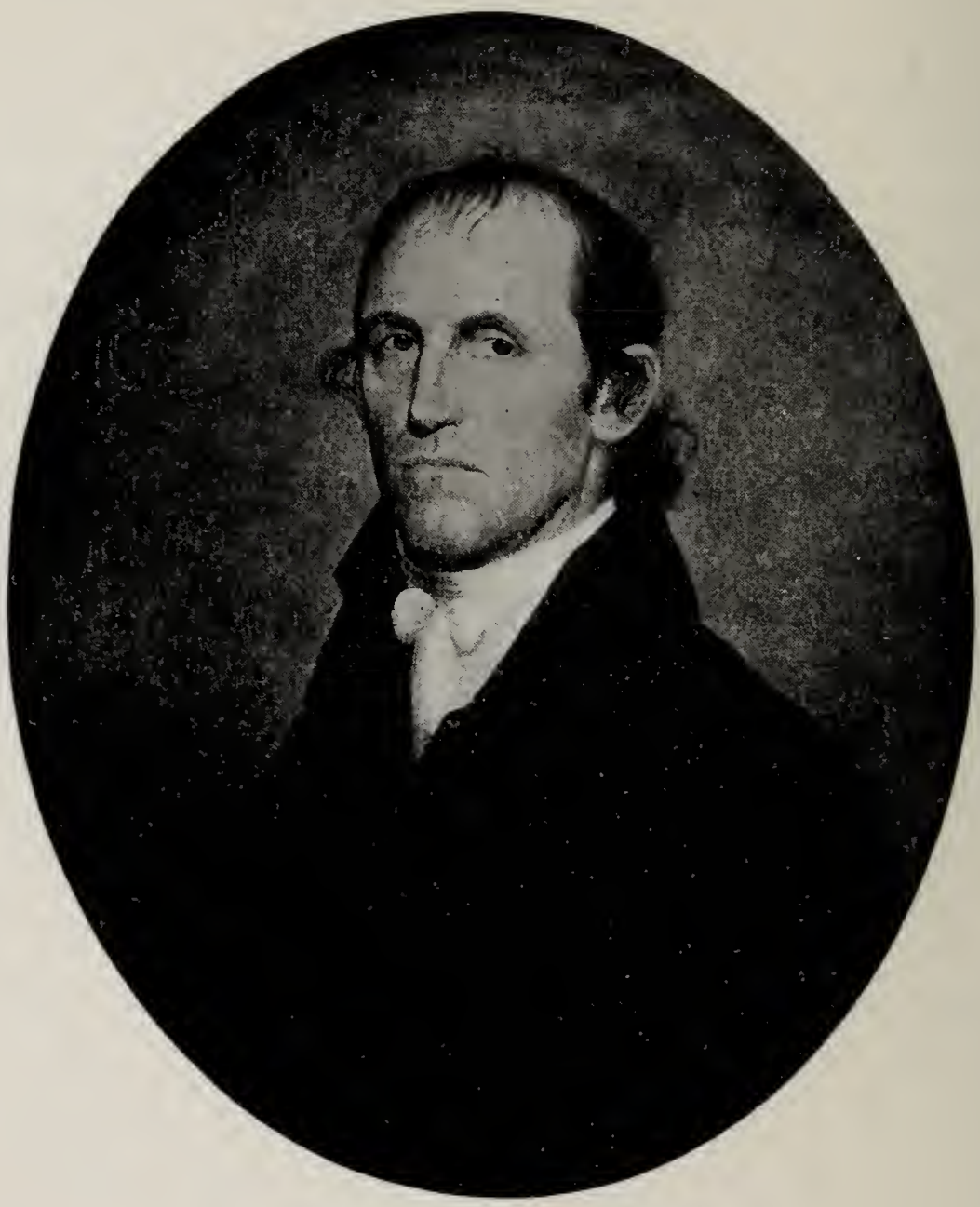
The Reverend Robert Smith of Pequea, a man of like spirit with the Blairs, and also an instructor of a flourishing Academy, married one of Mr. Blair's sisters. Mr. Carmichael, another eminent minister, pastor of the church at Brandywine, married a second sister, and a third remained single, lived to be old, whom I saw at the Reverend Dr. Robert Smith's, at Pequea in the year 1791. I have never heard that there were any other members of the family. (See "Research.")

The Reverend Samuel Blair had one distinguished son, also named Samuel, who was educated at Princeton College, and after the death of Dr. Findley was invited by the Trustees to be president of New Jersey College though scarcely twenty-five years of age. This station he prudently declined, but accepted an invitation to become the pastor of the Old South in Boston. But his health becoming feeble he resigned his charge, and ever afterwards lived in retirement in Germantown, where I had the pleasure of a long acquaintance with him. He was a man of highly cultivated mind and great refinement of taste. His family are scattered and almost extinct.

It is probably known to you that one of your father's sisters was married to the Reverend Dr. Linn, for many years minister of the Middle Dutch Church, New York, whose son, John Blair Linn, was an eloquent preacher and a poet, who was settled in the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. He died young and his widow married again. I find by the Catalogue of this college, that your father graduated here in 1775.

The preceding will I hope be gratifying to you. It is an honour to be descended from such ancestors.

I wished to have a memoir of your worthy father and expected to find it prefixed to the volume of his sermons which you presented to me, but was disappointed. If you have it



Rev. John Durburrow Blair

1759–1823

From an oil portrait presented by Mrs. George Arnold Frick to The Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia. Attributed to C. Thompson.

in a pamphlet, you would oblige me by sending me a copy by mail.

After an extensive visit to my native state I returned home in health, and through the divine blessing I still enjoy comfortable health, for one of my age.

I am very respectfully yours

A. Alexander

(LONGER NOTE 7)

REV. JOHN DURBURROW BLAIR

The Rev. John Durburrow Blair, son of Rev. John and Elizabeth Durburrow Blair, was born October 15, 1759, probably at Fagg's Manor, Pennsylvania.*[33] He was named, presumably, for his maternal grandfather, John Durburrow, of Philadelphia. Of his early boyhood we know little. Doubtless he attended his father's classical academy at Fagg's Manor. It is quite evident that he was bright at his studies, and we know was conversant later with Latin, Greek, and classical literature. He graduated at Princeton in 1775, when only sixteen years of age,*[34] and, according to Dr. Archibald Alexander, became tutor in his alma mater, under

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*[33] Rev. John Blair moved to Fagg's Manor in 1757, and remained there until 1767. Dr. Alexander in his letter to Col. Walter D. Blair of Richmond says: "And here in all probability your father was born."

*[34] "He (John Blair) had two sons, William Laurence Blair, who graduated in the class of 1769, and John Durburrow Blair, who graduated in the class of 1775." (Letter to Mrs. Edward Hall from James Thayer Gerould, Librarian, Princeton University, Dec. 6, 1927.)

Dr. Witherspoon, before reaching his majority. He served in the American Revolution.*[35]

"On the application of Edmund Randolph Esq. to Dr. Witherspoon for a qualified teacher for Washington Henry Academy, in Hanover County, in 1780, Mr. Blair, aged 21, came to Virginia as President of the institution. He presided over the Academy with much usefulness and credit for a number of years." (Foote's "Sketches of Virginia.")

"Oppressed with the view of the spiritual desolations around him, his mind and heart were drawn to the subject of his early meditations and desires, the ministry of the gospel. He was received as a candidate by the Hanover Presbytery, May 20, 1784, at Bethel, and was licensed at Timber Ridge October 28th of the same year.*[36] The record of his ordination is lost, but it necessarily took place previously to May 1786, as in that year he was enrolled a member of the Synod.*[37] ("Foote's Sketches of Virginia, Second Series.")

*35 To Captain Henry S. Shore of the Richmond Blues from Rev. John D. Blair (Excerpt)

" 'Tis true, when you were in your nurse's arms,
I served in war, nor dreaded war's alarms;
Had you been with us, and your gallant train,
You would have sav'd us many a hard campaign;
We should have seen you, like the lightning, fly on
The roaring, swagg'ring, crouching British Lion;
But when our Washington bade battle cease,
I turned attention to the trade of peace;
In that employment, handling arms no more,
I take protection under Captain Shore."
("The Two Parsons.")

*36 See Longer note 8: "Licence to preach and Ordination of Rev. John D. Blair."

*37 "The Presbytery of Hanover reported that they had ordained Messrs. Moses Hoge, John Mc Cue, Samuel Houston, Samuel Carrick, Adam Rankin, Andrew McClure, James Mitchell, Samuel Shannon, and John D. Blair to the work of the gospel ministry, to particular charges, since May, 1782. . . . Mr. Hoge, Mr. Carrick, Mr. Houston,

According to the Synod records, "Since May 1782, Rev. J. D. Blair has been ordained to a particular charge." He became pastor of Pole Green Church in Hanover County, Virginia, gathered by Rev. Samuel Davies on the ground where Morris had his Reading Room and John Durburrow's father, Rev. John Blair, had preached with success.*[38] Since he presided over Washington Henry Academy for eight or nine years, it is evident that he combined the office of President with that of minister to Pole Green. The Academy, the church, and "Laurel Grove" were in the same near neighborhood.

"John Durburrow Blair and Mary Winston were married on the 4th of March, 1785." Thus, in his own handwriting, the Parson makes the first entry in his family Bible. The groom was 25, the bride 22. The ceremony took place at Laurel Grove, in all likelihood, the residence of her father, Geddes Winston; but of this we have no record nor of the officiating clergyman. Ministers of the Presbyterian Church were absent from Richmond and its locality.

Mary Winston, 2nd daughter and 3rd child of Geddes and Mary Jordan Winston, was one of five lovely sisters. Her mother, daughter of Colonel Samuel Jordan of Buckingham County, Virginia, had been one of the seven beautiful Jordan sisters.*[39] Geddes Winston, denoted "Gentle-

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and Mr. Blair, being present, took their seats." (At Philadelphia, May 18, 1786.) (From Minutes of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, page 516, in "Records of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.")

On pages 529 and 542 of the same we find that Rev. John D. Blair, from Hanover Presbytery, was present at meetings of the Synod in Philadelphia, May, 1787, and May, 1788.

"John D. Blair was the forty-fourth member and the last ordained by the Presbytery (of Hanover) before the formation of the Virginia Synod." ("Foote's Sketches of Virginia, Second Series," page 112.)

*[38] See Longer note 11: Pole Green Church.

*[39] See Longer note 12: Jordan-Winston Family.

man" in official deeds, was in early life a man of landed estates, but dissipated his property by standing security for others. He presented his son-in-law Blair with a glebe.*[40] The young couple lived, we may be sure, at Washington Henry Academy, as Mr. Blair had a residence assigned him there.*[41]

In the winter of 1790, Mr. Blair resigned from Washington Henry Academy to remove, by the inducement of friends, to Richmond to open a classical school there and preach to the Presbyterians in the city. We do not know the exact date of his removal. 1792 has been assumed, but 1790 or 1791 seems more likely. Mr. Blair continued to preach at Pole Green Church, in Hanover, every other Sunday. He had now two parishes on his hands as well as his school in Richmond. Pastoral and academic fees were customarily small in those days. British raids and fighting in the Revolution had lately swept eastern Virginia. The government was not settled; the monetary condition was bad; and the people generally straitened.

In 1796, the Board of Trustees of Hampden Sydney College invited Rev. John Durburrow Blair to the Presidency. According to Dr. Foote this shows the estimation in which Mr. Blair was held as a teacher by his brethren. (Foote's Sketches, Second Series, pp. 113, 249.) We do not know the reasons for his refusal.

Besides a Friends' Meeting-house in the valley of the town, the only church building in Richmond at the time (See Mordecai's "Richmond in By-gone Days") was St. John's Episcopal Church on Church Hill. The two chief residence sections of the small city were Church Hill, crowned by St. John's, and Shockoe Hill, commanded by the State Capitol. A wide and deep ravine separated the two heights, often inaccessible to each other. "But this lack of churches in

*40 In "The Winstons," by Clayton Torrence.

*41 See Longer note 13: Washington-Henry Academy.

Richmond gave rise to a beautiful illustration of Christian love and union. The Hall of the House of Delegates in the State Capitol was the only apartment in the city sufficiently spacious for a place of worship, and to this purpose it was devoted on the Sabbath. On each alternate Sunday, the one and the other (Rev. John Buchanan,*[42] of St. John's, and Rev. John Durburrow Blair) occupied the moveable pulpit; and such was the spirit of tolerance and liberality which the example of the pastors had inspired into their congregations that the same individuals formed a large portion of the worshippers on every Sabbath." ("Two Parsons and Ne'er a Church," in "Richmond in By-gone Days.")

The lovely friendship existing between Parson Blair and Parson Buchanan has been inimitably told in Colonel George Wythe Munford's book, "The Two Parsons," as also their religious tolerance, their charity to all men, their Christian doctrine, their social spirit, sunny and temperate, their deeds of love, their success as peace-makers, their faithful attendance in illness, death, and joyous matrimony.

Mr. Blair purchased for his residence in Richmond property on Leigh Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets. At the corner of Seventh and Leigh he occupied a wooden cottage, to which was added on the west a stuccoed brick wing.*[43]

To John Durburrow Blair and Mary Winston Blair, his

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*[42] The devoted Christianity, the high character, the lovely personality of the Rev. John Buchanan are so delightfully given in Col. George Wythe Munford's book, "The Two Parsons," that it is felt a further picture of him should not be attempted here. He died in December, 1822, only a few weeks before his beloved friend, John Durburrow Blair. Parson Buchanan is buried in St. John's Churchyard, Richmond. There is a memorial tablet to him in St. John's and a portrait in oils of him in the Virginia State Library, Richmond.

The Bible used by both ministers in the services at the Capitol is now in the Valentine Museum, Richmond.

*[43] See Longer note 15: The Blair House, Richmond.

wife, were born eight children, whose names are given in the genealogy proper. Six survived their parents.

Rev. John Durburrow Blair died at his residence in Richmond, Virginia, January 10, 1823, aged 63.*[44] Rev. John Buchanan, much older, had passed away a few weeks before. Mrs. Blair survived her husband eight years, dying on October 16, 1831. She was buried by his side in Shockoe Cemetery. About twenty years ago, a committee of his descendants, with Mrs. Margaret Blair Cannon as chairman, collected funds in the Blair family and replaced the flat slab tombstone on his grave by one made of durable granite, the first stone having become somewhat worn. A replica of the original inscription was used. The earlier stone was enclosed within the grave.

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*[44] Although the body of Parson Blair was carried to the Presbyterian Church on Shockoe Hill before burial, the funeral services were held at his residence on Leigh Street. Church funerals were not then a general custom. (See also the codicil to his will.) It is specially noted that the funeral of his widow took place from the church. One of the printed invitation cards, or "tickets," to Parson Blair's funeral is reproduced in this volume.

His grave is in old Shockoe Hill Cemetery, Richmond, about the middle of the burying-ground.

The burial-sections of four of his sons: John Geddes, Samuel Jordan, Walter Dabney, and Thomas Rutherford, are not far from their father's. His son James is interred in Hollywood Cemetery (Blair-Lesslie section). Elizabeth Durburrow, his daughter, was buried at "Powhatan," seat of the Mayos.

The inscription reads:

Sacred
To the memory
Of the Reverend
John D. Blair,
First pastor of
the Presbyterian Church
on Shockoe Hill,
who died
in January 1823
Aged 64 years
and 2 months *[45]

Mrs. Blair's upright tombstone records:

Mrs. Mary Winston
Blair
Wife of the
Rev[d] John D. Blair
Died on the
16[th] of October 1831,
In the 69[th] year
of her age.

*[45] He was really in his sixty-fourth year.

A memorial white marble tablet, erected by his descendants, hangs in the vestibule of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond. This reads:

IN MEMORY
OF THE
REV. JOHN D. BLAIR,
FIRST PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH.

A MAN WITHOUT GUILE,
OF CULTIVATED INTELLECT,
GENTLE MANNERS,
SOUND IN CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE,
AND EMINENTLY BELOVED.

Born October 13, 1759.
Died January 10, 1823.

The sermons of Rev. John Durburrow Blair were published by his wife, in 1825, in compliance with the wish of a number of his friends. (Shepherd and Pollard, Richmond.) The preface states that the sermons are published from notes and are therefore less perfect than if they had been prepared by his own hand. But to his descendants, at least, if his thoughts have their attention, his sermons will appear evangelical, deeply pious, eloquent, and practical. The oration on the Death of Washington, delivered January 1800, by appointment of the General Assembly of Virginia, is in the collection, but was published additionally by their order.*[46] (See also the "Martha Washington Collection of Eulogies on Washington," Library of Congress.) "The Vir-

*[46] "Sermons collected from the Manuscripts of the late Rev. John D. Blair. 'That ye be not slothful, but followers of those who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises.' Richmond: Printed by Shepherd and Pollard. 1825."



Mary Jordan Winston
–1811

Daughter of Col. Samuel Jordan of Buckingham County, Virginia, and wife of Geddes Winston Esq. From an oil portrait in the possession of Miss Ellen Donnell Codrington Blair.

ginia Evangelical Magazine," Vol. 1, 1818, published his sermon on "Anger."

There are several portraits extant of John Durburrow Blair, two of which, at least, are believed to be originals: the portrait in oils, lately presented by Mrs. George Arnold Frick to the Virginia Historical Society, considered the best likeness (showing the Parson in his solemn mien), and a small portrait, also done in oils, in the Virginia State Library, depicting the amiable parson in a more genial manner.*[47] A copper plate engraving by Martin, frontispiece of the Sermons, of very fine workmanship, is nevertheless distressing as a likeness.*[48]

In person, John Durburrow Blair "was tall and spare, with a grave-looking face, not indicating the merriment that lurked within." His eyes were brown, his hair reddish brown.*[49]

In personality, he inherited his father's talents and disposition—"a bright example of every social virtue."

The two Parsons, Buchanan and Blair, delighted to mingle with their fellow-men, and we find them at the leading social events of their city, where their presence delighted, as their temperate example restrained. Mr. Blair wrote many merry notes in verse to his friends that did not lack wit. He had a fine sense of humor, relishing even when the tables were turned upon himself—he knew then that he

*[47] Mrs. Carter Wormeley, Mrs. James Sutton Blair, and Mrs. Robert Hill Carter also own portraits of Rev. John Durburrow Blair.

*[48] The likenesses of Parson Blair selected for Mr. Alexander Weddell's sumptuous book of Virginia Portraiture (1931) were the portrait at the Virginia Historical Society and the Martin engraving. It was the opinion of experts that the former was by the painter Thompson, painted in 1810.

*[49] Each of Parson Blair's five sons received, in memory of his father, a gold stock-brooch set with pearls. One of these brooches, in possession of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Williamson, contains a tiny coil of dark reddish-brown hair—the Parson's.

could turn them back again. His disposition was amiable, his temper sweet, humble, patient. It is said of him as a teacher that he never raised his voice unduly.

As a minister, Parson Blair has not escaped criticism. It was said he was a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners—that the fruits of his ministry were not apparent. The period in which he lived was not one of great toleration in his own denomination. Lines were sharply drawn, judgments pronounced without delay and without knowledge of circumstances or motives. The two Parsons lacked this intolerant spirit and were misunderstood on that account. Their method was to use the grace of friendship for God's service. A leading physician of the city said that he owed his conversion to a conversation he had with Parson Blair while they were out hunting together. To a young man of his acquaintance, Parson Blair wrote congenially at length of the pursuits the young man cared for, and then tenderly and gravely bade him enlist these interests in the service of God.

"In the year 1823," writes Thomas Rutherfoord in his autobiography, "every member of our family experienced a severe affliction in the death of our well-beloved friend and brother, Rev. John D. Blair, who had been to me from our earliest acquaintance to the day of his death a friend and brother indeed, and one on whom I could repose for advice and consolation on every occasion of difficulty or distress. Often did we look for the society of each other when gloomy weather would seem to forbid the expectation of any other company. I can never forget the mutual enjoyment we had on such occasions. Alas, one of the strongest cords which can attach man to earth was broken when he died."

Forty of his pupils became members of Christian churches, as recollected by Mrs. Blair's niece, Mrs. Juliet Drew.

It must be remembered that for a quarter of a century

Mr. Blair was the only Presbyterian minister in the extensive field of Hanover County and the city of Richmond. During all of that time he was daily employed in teaching school; he served as pastor of two congregations; to them, and to other folk, he performed baptism, marriage, and funeral rites; regularly he delivered sermons, and ministered to the poor, the sick, and the dying.

But the peculiar and best service which the two Parsons rendered their community was the one frequently alluded to in public addresses by the late Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge, that Buchanan and Blair had laid so well the foundations of Christian unity in their city that Richmond ever after continued to practice the spirit of toleration and friendship among her various churches and that any attempt at the opposite in Richmond would not be endured.*[50]

Were the two Parsons never aggressive?

One day Buchanan wrote: "Come to my house; we will not discuss the apostolic succession, but we will unbend the bow."

"I will come," replied Blair, "and we will sharpen our arrows, not against each other, but against the common foe."

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*[50] Upon the erection of the Monumental Church, on the site of the Richmond theatre, which had been destroyed by fire, the Episcopalians on Shockoe Hill secured it and removed to that building. It is said that both Parson Buchanan and Parson Blair had desired that this edifice, built by public subscription, should be undenominational in its character. It is also said that Parson Blair, through modesty, would not use his influence to secure it for the Presbyterians, as he might have done. It was doubtless less through modesty than through the principle which the two clergymen, with a spirit in advance of their time, had so long striven to impress: that religious denominations should act in unity. It may have been due also to his reluctance to disturb the friendly relation of the joint congregation at the Capitol, that Parson Blair had delayed the formal organization of the Presbyterian Church on Shockoe Hill.

See also Longer note 16: The Presbyterian Church on Shockoe Hill, Richmond, Virginia.

(LONGER NOTE 8)

LICENCE TO PREACH AND ORDINATION OF REV. JOHN D. BLAIR

The following copies of his licence to preach and of his ordination as a minister of the Gospel have been preserved in the family of Rev. John Durburrow Blair:—

"The Presbytery of Hanover, having examined Mr. John Blair concerning his repentance towards God and faith in the L. Jesus Christ and call in providence to the Gospel ministry and also having had a sufficient specimen of his knowledge in the Languages, Science and Divinity, and upon his adopting the Westminster confession of faith for the confession of his faith as received in this church and professing his subjection to his brethren in the Lord. Agree to license him to preach the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, and recommend him to the notice and regard of the churches under their care. By order of Presbytery.

Edward Crawford, Mod.r

Timberidge Oct.r 28th, 1784

John Montgomery, Clk."

"Bethel in Augusta August 13, 1785. This is to certify that the Rev.d John D. Blair has been regularly ordained a minister of the Gospel in the Presbyterian church, and is now in regular connexion with the said church.

Arch.d Scott Mod.r
John B. Smith, Clk."

The above copies of the licence to preach and of the ordination are in the possession of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Williamson, great-granddaughter of Rev. John Durburrow Blair.



Mary Winston Blair
1763–1831

Daughter of Geddes Winston Esq. of Hanover County, Virginia, and wife of Rev. John Durburrow Blair. From an ambrotype in the possession of Mrs. James Sutton Blair.

(LONGER NOTE 9)

"LAUREL GROVE"

On a visit paid some years ago to "Laurel Grove," Hanover County, Virginia, once the home of Geddes Winston, we decided that its architecture presented a colonial house of considerable age. An extended avenue of tall cedars led to a long, white wooden residence, with a very steep roof having narrow dormer windows.

Mr. Munford further describes the place. (See "The Two Parsons," page 60.)

The house still stands, but its architecture has been much altered.

"Laurel Grove House" is said to have been built in 1761.

(LONGER NOTE 10)

LETTER TO MRS. JOHN DURBURROW BLAIR

Copy of a letter written by Parson Blair to his wife at Warm Springs, Virginia, addressed:

Mrs. Mary Blair
Warm Springs
Richmond, Monday, 30th June, 1806

My dearly beloved Polly,

I have just had the pleasure of receiving the letter you were good enough to write to me from Mr. Brand's. And I thank you for it the more on account of the trouble you must have submitted to in writing in a weakly state of health, and fatigued with your journey. Before I saw the date I was in hopes the letter was from the Springs, and that it would give me the pleasing intelligence of your safe arrival

and agreeable accommodation there. However it gave me great joy to receive a line from your fair hand without regard to the time or place of its date. I cannot now kiss your sweet mouth, but I kissed your name over and over. Everything that concerns you is dear to me. I know you will smile at this. But if it be a weakness you must blame yourself for it, for as to this world you have engrossed me entirely.

I received a letter from Dr. Adams by the same mail that brought yours, dated at the Warm Springs. He informed me that limestone water had disagreed with you, and that you were much fatigued when you reached Bath. This is what I expected. It is the case with all persons not in health, at first, and therefore you must not be discouraged by it. I have much confidence that you will in a little time find great advantage from the cool nights and from the mountain air. You will ride too, I make no doubt, as often as you can for exercise. I wish you to go to see Mrs. Thompson and Antoinette whenever you can conveniently. I am told it is but a short distance from the Warm Springs to theirs. I was at the Capitol yesterday, and almost everybody was inquiring after you, and really seemed to be interested in your behalf. So you see of what account you are to others as well as to me. If you don't return home with Dr. Adams you may certainly expect me up at Mr. Brand's, but perhaps, on account of some collections I want to make, it may not be in my power to leave home till after the 6th of August. But if it be possible I will set out on the 1st. Yet this is uncertain. Jordon is returning from Hanover whither he went on Saturday. Our dear little Tom is well and hearty, as also Mrs. Whitlock and the family.

All friends here are well except Mrs. Munford, who I fear is getting worse every day.

I was at the Dr's yesterday evening, where I saw your mammy, Sister Adams and the children all well except that your sister still complains a little now and then of rheumatic pain. Miss Betsy Adams was at Mr. Smith's. Mr. Lips-

comb's second daughter died the day before yesterday and Mr. William Dabney's youngest child (between two and three weeks old) on Friday. On Saturday evening I married Mr. Bootwright for the third time. He was married to a daughter of Mr. Murphey's, who lives by Major Hollaway's. I recollect nothing more of news. Yes, the lady that married old Captain Boothe is dead; but possibly this happened before you left home. I write to Dr Adams. Give my love to little Mary and Antoinette Radford and Miss Sally Brand. I am glad she is with you. Keep up your spirits, my dear. A month more and we shall have the pleasure of meeting.

Your ever affectionate husband

John D. Blair

(Used by permission of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Williamson.)

(LONGER NOTE 11)

POLE GREEN CHURCH

Pole Green Church, Hanover County, Virginia, was located near the Totpotamoy Creek, not far from old Atlee railroad station. "When I first knew it, the pulpit looked like an inverted wine-glass, with winding stairs and two closed doors. Near the pulpit was a Precentor's stand, where the "Clark" stood with his tuning-fork in hand and raised the tunes. There were also square pews for the families of the elders, which were closed, and thus furnished places for us small children to sleep, under the profound and prolonged services of the day. Over the pulpit was a sounding-board. The church was modernized in my boyhood, received a cannon-ball from Jackson's flanking army, and was burned (in battle) in the Grant Campaign of 1864."

(Articles on Hanover County, Virginia, in the "Rich-

mond Dispatch," by Rev. Thomas W. Hooper, minister of Pole Green Church.)

The name Pole Green probably had its origin from the Hanover estate of George Polegreen.

(LONGER NOTE 12)

JORDAN-WINSTON FAMILY

Samuel[1] Jordan arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1610. He was owner of the plantation "Jordan's Journey," now Jordan's Point, on lower James River. He fortified his house, "Beggar's Bush" (named after Fletcher's comedy), and escaped the Indian massacre of 1622. He resided there when the Virginia census of 1623 was taken. Member of the first Virginia House of Burgesses, 1619.

Thomas[1] Jordan, son of Samuel[1], was born in England 1600. Came to Virginia in the ship *Diana*. Recorded 1623 as a soldier under Sir George Yeardley. Settled in Isle of Wight County; and Burgess 1629, 31, 32. In 1635 patentee of lands.

Thomas[2] Jordan (1634–1699), son of Thomas[1], lived at Chuckatuck, Nansemond County. Became a Quaker and was much persecuted; married Margaret Brasseur, daughter of Robert Brasseur, a Huguenot immigrant and Quaker.

Samuel[2] Jordan, son of Thomas[2] (1679–1760), married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of Col. Charles Fleming, of New Kent County.*[51]

*[51] Col. Charles Fleming was the son of Sir Thomas Fleming Knt. who emigrated to Virginia in 1616 and settled in New Kent County. Sir Thomas was son of John, Lord Fleming, Earl of Wigton in Scotland, descended from a long line of nobility and royalty which included King Robert Bruce I., King Robert II., King Robert III., of Scotland, and King William I. of England. (See Browning's "Americans of Royal Descent," page 388.)

Col. Samuel[3] Jordan, son of Samuel[2] Jordan, settled at the Seven Islands, Buckingham County. A landowner of considerable extent. Justice of the Peace for Albemarle 1746–61. Captain in 1753. Sheriff 1753–1755. Presiding Justice of the Peace and Lieutenant of the County 1761. Burgess from Buckingham in 1767–69 and probably earlier. ("Cabells and their Kin.") Col. Samuel[3] Jordan married, 1st, Ruth Meredith, daughter of Samuel Meredith, Sr. (b. about 1698; d. April 14, 1762), of St. Paul's parish, Hanover County. Ruth Meredith was born about 1722 and married about 1738; died 1744. Her eldest daughter married John Hunter, of New York. Her daughter Mary Jordan married Geddes Winston, of Hanover County (parents of Mary Winston, m. Rev. John Durburrow Blair). Col. Samuel[3] Jordan married, 2nd, in 1745, Judith Scott, widow of Peter (?) Ware. Issue of both marriages: seven daughters and one son.

(For Winston and Jordan Families, see "Harrisons of Skimino," by Fairfax Harrison; "Cabells and Their Kin," by Alexander Brown; "The Winstons," by Clayton Torrence; "The Edward Pleasants Valentine Papers"; the Winston genealogy by Isaac Winston, in the Virginia Historical Society; "The Two Parsons," by George Wythe Munford; and Thomas Rutherfoord's autobiography.)

Col. Samuel[3] Jordan, of "Seven Islands," Buckingham County, Virginia, died July 21, 1789. He left a daughter, Mary Jordan, who married Geddes Winston,*[52] of Hanover

*[52] Geddes Winston, a man of considerable landed estate in Hanover County, Virginia. He was entitled Gentleman and Justice, in Hanover records.

Speaking of his mother-in-law, Mary Jordan Winston, Thomas Rutherfoord in his autobiography says: "Mrs. Winston was a woman of excellent sense, and good manners, and possessed of the remains of great beauty."

A portrait of her, in old age, is in the possession of Miss Ellen Donnell Codrington Blair, Richmond, Virginia.

County, Virginia. Col. Jordan had six other daughters and one son. The daughters were all celebrated for their beauty, and married men well known and of high position in society. (For their married names see page 63, Munford's "The Two Parsons.")

Geddes and Mary Jordan Winston had five daughters, all also beautiful, and two sons.

Geddes Winston and his wife are buried in St. John's churchyard, Richmond, just east of the church.

Issue of Geddes and Mary Jordan Winston

1 Rebecca Winston, married William Radford. Their daughter, Sarah Radford, married William Munford, of Richmond, of ancient lineage, Member of the Virginia Council of State, and translator of the Iliad. His distinguished son, George Wythe Munford, was author of "The Two Parsons." Robert Beverley Munford, Robert Beverley Munford, Jr., and Beverley Bland Munford, descendants of William Munford, have represented their family with honor as Richmond citizens and Virginia gentlemen.

There is a very attractive description of Rebecca Winston Radford, as well as an account of her husband's romantic adventures, in "The Two Parsons."

2 Samuel Jordan Winston, Brigade Major and Military Instructor of the Militia for a great number of years. He was a very handsome, genial man, a bachelor, and withal such a fine figure on his horse that it is said all the children ran out to see him ride by. He inherited the family home, "Laurel Grove." An immense military funeral was given him. It is probably true, as has often been stated, that he was buried upright in the avenue leading up to Laurel Grove house.

3 Mary Winston, married Rev. John Durburrow Blair. (See Longer note on her husband.)

4 Sarah Winston, found a devoted consort in Thomas Rutherfoord, emigrant from Scotland, who became one of the leading successful merchants and citizens of worth in Richmond, and progenitor of the Richmond family of the name.

The Rutherfoords of Richmond intermarried with families of the following names: Tinsley, Alsop, Moncure, Goodwin, Harvie, Bernard, Thomas, and others.

5 Martha Bickerton Winston, of whom Mr. Rutherfoord commented: "In truth I do not know whether I ever saw a handsomer woman than Patsy was when she arrived at her prime." She married Henry Smith Shore, Mayor of Richmond, Captain of the Richmond Blues, a college man, and a traveller.

Their granddaughter, Martha Drew, married Hancock Lee, of the distinguished Lee family of Virginia. Miss Juliet Lee, their daughter, represents the Winston-Shore line in Richmond.

6 Margaret Winston, youngest of the lovely Winston sisters, with her entrancing dark eyes, married one of the leading men of Richmond, Dr. John Adams. He was a man of great property and influence. He built for his residence the beautiful mansion on Church Hill, afterwards owned by the Van Lews.

For a most interesting account of Dr. Adams, see "The Two Parsons," page 76. Dr. and Mrs. Adams left many descendants who intermarried with families of the following names: Pickett, Lathrop, Stokes, Heron, and others.

7 Dr. William Winston, younger son of Geddes Winston, practiced medicine in the counties of Hanover and Louisa. He married a Miss Shelton.

Coat of Arms

The coat-of-arms as entitled of Winston, or Winstone:—
Arms—Sa. A plate between three towers.
Crest—Ar. A dexter hand holding four arrows.
Motto—*Virtue non Verbis.*—Deeds not words.

(As given for Virginia Winstons by Captain Isaac Winston, of the U. S. Coast Survey, and by Mr. Frederick J. Winston, eminent lawyer of New York, as entitled by the Winstons of this Country.)

(LONGER NOTE 13)

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The academy stood about one and one-quarter miles from (old) Atlee station, on the Chesapeake and Ohio R. R. None of the buildings remain. To the president a residence was allotted, with garden, stable, etc.

(The Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Washington Henry Academy, covering a long period of time, a very readable volume, may be found in the Archives of the Virginia State Library.)

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AND DOLLY MADISON

(brothers) William Essex Winston

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WINSTON-JORDAN FAMILY CHART

Permission to use the following valuable chart was courteously given by the compiler, Rev. Arthur P. Gray, descendant of William Radford and Rebecca Winston, sister of Mary Winston Blair.

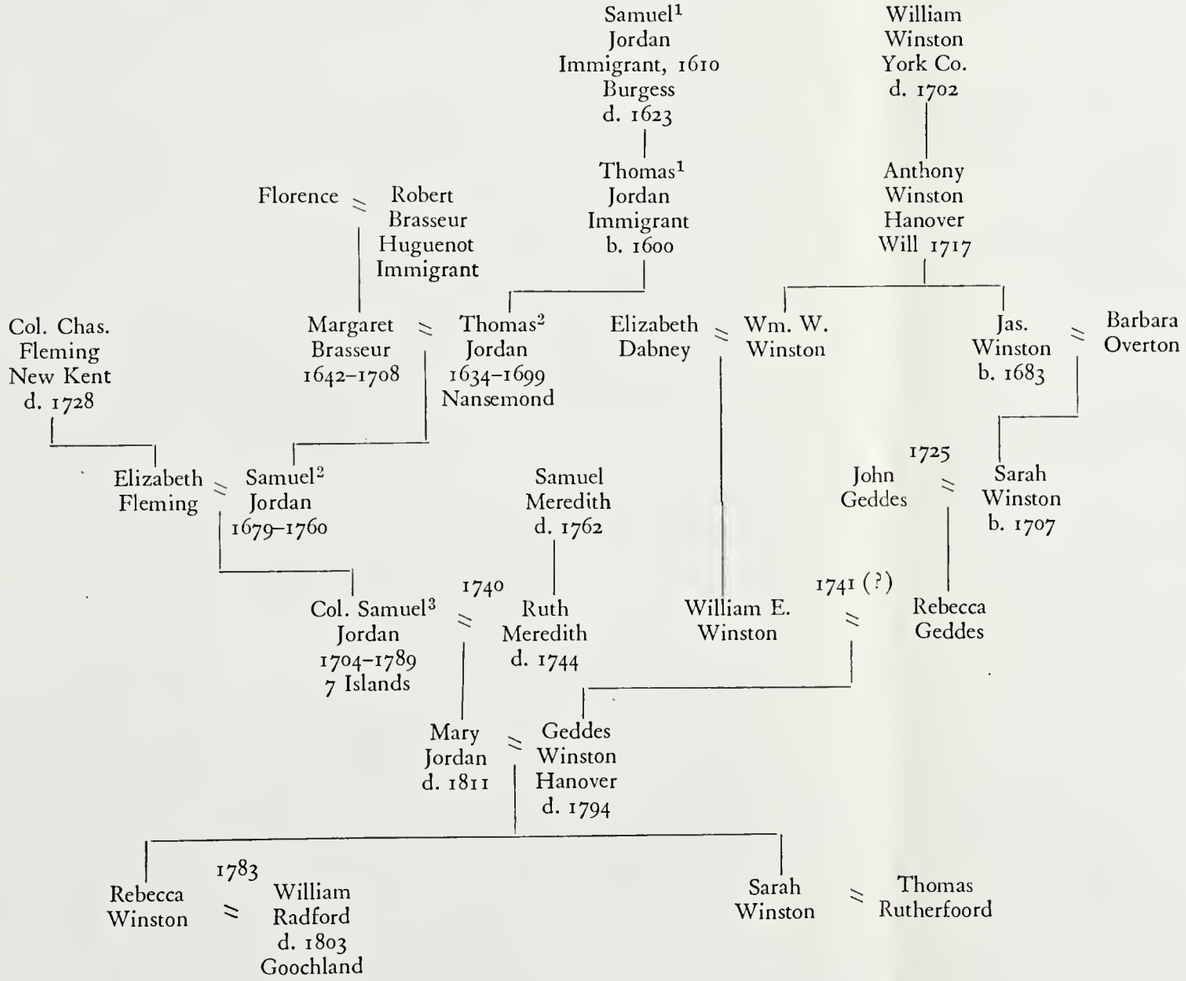
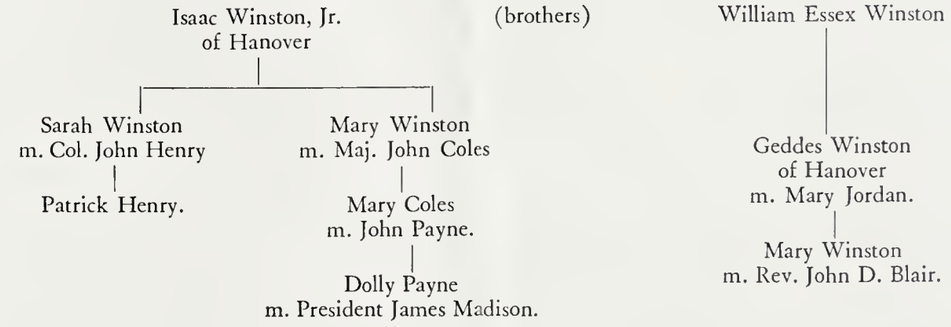


TABLE SHOWING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MARY WINSTON BLAIR AND PATRICK HENRY AND DOLLY MADISON



(LONGER NOTE 14)

TWO LITTLE BLAIRS

The death of Parson Blair's little lad of eight years was a deep grief to his father, who wrote a touching poem on his death. "His heart was as mild as the dove's; his brown hair as soft as its down." They seemed great companions. Willie was buried in St. John's churchyard.

Mary Jordan Blair, second daughter of Rev. John Durburrow Blair, probably died in infancy as we know nothing of her and she is mentioned in neither her father's nor her mother's will. Doubtless she was also buried in St. John's churchyard.

(LONGER NOTE 15)

THE BLAIR HOUSE, RICHMOND

The stuccoed wing of Parson Blair's house was run up into a second story with dormer windows above. The wooden cottage was later removed, and "612" remained the Blair residence. Without, it maintained an air of plain, but dignified, simplicity; within one found large rooms and a wide hall, a curving mahogany stair-rail, and large wooden mantels, some of which were beautifully hand-carved. The brass knocker of the house is now in possession of Mrs. William Northrop.

At the rear extended a long grassy yard with charming flower-beds and ornamental shrubs. A mimosa tree, sent by Mrs. Gamble, from Florida, should be remembered, as it was the reputed mother of all mimosas in Virginia.

Evening prayer-meeting for his people was held once a week in the parsonage. The candles in their silver candle-

sticks were lit. The tall parson assumed his solemn aspect, put on his tiny steel spectacles, arose, and opened the Good Book.

The gentle hospitality which began in Mary Winston's time ever continued there, reaching through the occupancy of Col. Walter Blair, and his son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. John Hayes Claiborne. After the last of the Blairs moved away, the old home was leveled to the ground.

(LONGER NOTE 16)

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SHOCKOE HILL, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The Presbyterian Church on Shockoe Hill, built in 1721, of which Rev. John Durburrow Blair was the first pastor, stood at the northwest corner of Franklin and Eighth Streets. It was a substantial brick building with a steeple. We have little knowledge of the interior except that there was no organ, or melodion, the choir-leader raising the tunes by his tuning fork.

On April 3, 1865, "Evacuation Day" of the Confederate troops, when Richmond was in flames, the church burned to the ground, the steeple catching fire first. The church is said to have been the last building in the city destroyed that day by the fire in its long progress up Shockoe Hill.

The present handsome buildings and large membership of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, are the outgrowth of Parson Blair's Capitol Congregation of 1792, the oldest group of Presbyterians in the city, as he himself was the first Presbyterian Minister of Richmond.

(LONGER NOTE 17)

WILL OF REV. JOHN D. BLAIR,

as recorded in the records of the Chancery Court, City Hall, Richmond, Va., Book 3, pages 324, 325.

In the name of God Amen. I John D. Blair of the City of Richmond, being sick in body, but of sound mind and memory, do make the following disposition of my little worldly estate: viz:

After the payment of all my just debts which to the best of my recollection are neither numerous nor large I give and devise to my beloved wife Mary Blair all my property, both real and personal to her and to her heirs forever, fully confiding in her discretion to make such future conveyance or disposition thereof by deed or last will and Testament, to and among my children as she may think proper and right according to her knowledge of my intentions and wishes in their favor. I desire that my estate be not appraised and that no part thereof be sold except for the payment of my debts, or with the consent of my wife in which case I fully authorize and empower her to make any sale that in her opinion may be conducive to her convenience and benefit, or advantageous to such of my children as she may choose to provide for by deed or will as above mentioned.

I hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Mary Blair and my Son, John G. Blair, executrix and executor of this my last will and Testament and desire that they may not be required to give any security for performance of the trust hereby reposed in them.

In testimony whereof and of all and singular the premises I have signed my name hereunto this 29 day of Sep-

tember the year of our Lord Christ one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

John D. Blair.

Signed and acknowledged as the last will of the Testator before us

Wm. Munford
John Adams
Robert A. Mayo

By way of Codicil to my said last will and Testament I desire that my funeral may be without pomp or parade and that none of my Family shall wear mourning on account of my death. As witness my hand this 29 day of September in the year 1822.

John D. Blair.

Signed and acknowledged as a Codicil to the said Last will before us

John Adams
Wm. Munford
Robert A Mayo

(LONGER NOTE 18)

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA, BLAIRS

Descendants of Rev. John Durburrow Blair have served in every war of the United States, beginning with the American Revolution; but one branch of his descendants deserves conspicuously the title of "The Military Blairs" for continued and merited honor as soldiers. These are the Blairs of Lexington, Virginia.

Beginning with William Barrett Blair, 3rd son of John

Geddes Blair (himself in the War of 1812), we find this record:

"William Barrett Blair graduated U. S. Military Academy at West Point, July 4, 1838; appointed Second Lieut., 2nd Reg. Artillery, July 9th; 1st Lieut. in same, Nov. 1840; Commissary of Subsistence Nov. 1, 1841; Brevet Captain April 18, 1847 for gallant and meritorious service in the battle of Cerro Garda, Mexican War; Commissary of Subsistence with rank of Capt., Sept. 27, 1850; made a member of the "Aztec Club", City of Mexico, (of officers seeing service in the Mexican War), Oct. 19, 1849. Appointed Commissary of General Subsistence with rank of Col. in the provisional Army of Virginia by Gov. Letcher; Professor of Natural Philosophy in V. M. I., Lexington, Virginia, 1865–187—"

William Alexander Anderson married Mary Louisa Blair, daughter of Col. William Barrett Blair; as a youth of 16 entered the war service of Virginia with the Liberty Hall Volunteers, Co. 1, Stonewall Brigade. Severely wounded at the first battle of Manassas, he yet volunteered in an artillery company of wounded soldiers which guarded the roads around Charlottesville. Maj. Anderson's subsequent services to his State were too many and too extensive for limited mention. In the State Senate he worked ardently for public education in schools and colleges. He made unceasing efforts for the overthrow of the Mahone government. Maj. Anderson was one of the U. S. commissioners to the Paris Exposition of 1867, receiving a diploma and medal from the French government. In 1900 he was chosen president of the Virginia Bar Association, when his fine speech on "Virginia Constitutions" received wide praise. He served ably in the Constitutional Convention, promoting progressive legislation. As Attorney General of Virginia, 1902–1910, he won cases of immense constitutional and financial importance, notably the great case of Virginia against West Virginia. He was trustee and rector of Washington and Lee

University and commandant of the Lee-Jackson camp of Confederate Veterans.

William Dandridge Alexander Anderson, son of the above, earned scholarships in Latin, French, and English at Washington and Lee University; in June, 1904, at U. S. Military Academy, West Point, graduated 2nd in class of 123 members; 1st in mathematics and French; cadet officer each year for which such officers were allowed; 2nd Lieut. of Engineers June, 1904; 1st Lieut. January, 1906; Captain, February, 1912; Major, July, 1916; Lt. Col., December, 1927.

Space does not allow, we regret to say, the long list of Col. Anderson's extensive and splendid work as U. S. Engineers' Officer. Among positions of great responsibility we may regard: in immediate charge of the compilation of the Military Map of Cuba, 1907, 1908; later company commander, post commander, battalion commander, department and district engineer, and department engineer, and department chief of staff; in charge of roads and trails, military mapping and fortification construction all in the Panama Canal Zone; instructor in U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and elsewhere by special appointment, in various branches of Military Engineering; consulting engineer on extensive constructions; to date, U. S. District Engineer, Mobile, Ala., in charge of harbors on the Gulf Coast in Alabama and Mississippi, and channels of various rivers.

> William Anderson McNulty, grandson of Maj. William Alexander and Mary Louisa Blair Anderson, entered U. S. Military Academy at West Point as a cadet July 1, 1929; graduated June, 1932.

Other honors besides military ones have been won by Blairs of Lexington. Not the least member of this distinguished family was Henry Wayne Blair, only son of Col. William Barrett Blair, of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (1857–1884): cadet at V. M. I.; graduated with high

honor, 1870; entered U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey as Aid, 1872; promoted to be Sub-Assistant in 1878; made Assistant, August, 1882; gave much study to the subject of Standards of Weights and Measures; awarded a diploma at the Southern Exposition held at Louisville, 1883, for a comparing apparatus of standard line measures.

"A young officer of marked ability and high character, of whom it is not too much to say that had he lived, he would have stood among the foremost in rank in the work. . . . He served with great credit and exhibited unusual aptitude in every branch of the work assigned to him. Mr. Blair's frank, affectionate, and manly nature endeared him to his comrades; his conscientious and efficient discharge of duty won for him the respect and regard of the older officers. . . . Deep religious conviction was the guiding force of his whole being, and the very flower and crown of his stainless life." (Tribute of respect from U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)*53

Ellen Graham Anderson, daughter of Maj. William Alexander and Mary Louisa Blair Anderson, student of the Art Club, Richmond, Virginia, and the Art Students' League and New York School of Art. Studied in Paris; has exhibited in the Architectural League of New York, the Chicago Art Institute, and other large exhibitions; is devoting her time to landscape work in Virginia.

*53 Henry Wayne Blair suffered a severe illness during the summer of 1884. On his supposed recovery, he proceeded to Nashville to visit his fiancée, suffered a relapse from over-exertion, and died in Nashville.

(LONGER NOTE 19)

ROLFE ELDRIDGE GLOVER. GLOVER LINE

Rolfe Eldridge Glover (1858–1930) was born at * "The Wilderness," Buckingham County, Virginia. Although his parents lived in Richmond, his grandparents and his great-grandparents lived in Buckingham County. He was a graduate of Richmond College (B. A. 1878, M. A. 1879); President of the Common Council of the City of Richmond (July 1, 1892–July 1, 1896); and member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

He was the son of Samuel Anthony Benning Glover (1823–1882) and Frances Eldridge (1832–1910).

Samuel Anthony Benning Glover (he dropped "Benning" from his name when a boy) was the son of John Anthony Glover (1803–1834) and Susan Tindall Glover (1796–1872). John Anthony Glover was the son of Anthony Glover (born 1755) and Ann ("Nancy") Tindall (1770–1838). Susan Tindall Glover was the daughter of Samuel Glover, Jr. (1759–1820) and Mary Tindall (1762–1839). Anthony Glover and Samuel Glover, Jr., were both sons of Samuel Glover and Judith Benning. Mary and Ann Tindall were sisters, hence Susan Tindall Glover and John Anthony Glover were double first cousins.

Frances Eldridge was the daughter of Rolfe Eldridge, Jr., and Mary Moseley. (See chart.)

* Rolfe Eldridge Glover was born at "Rolfeton" the home of his Grandparents near Buckingham C/H.

Jany 3rd 1942
Date of this note

Samuel A. Glover Jr



The residence of Rev. John Durburrow Blair, on Leigh Street, Richmond, Virginia. From a pen and ink drawing by Mr. Thomas Nelson Williamson in the possession of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Williamson.

(LONGER NOTE 21)

GENEALOGICAL CHART FOR ROLFE ELDRIDGE, JR., AND MARY MOSELEY

- **Rolfe Eldridge, Jr.** 1780–1861
  - **Rolfe Eldridge** 1744–
    - **Thomas Eldridge** –1754
      - **Thomas Eldridge** –1739
        - **Thomas Eldridge** –1739
        - **Judith Kennon**
          - **Richard Kennon** –1696
          - **Elizabeth Worsham** 1656–1735 (?)
            - **William Worsham**
            - **Elizabeth** ———
      - **Martha Bolling** 1713–1749
        - **Maj. John Bolling of "Cobbs"** 1676–1729
          - **Col. Robert Bolling** 1646–1709
            - **John Bolling**
            - **Mary** ———
          - **Jane Rolfe** –1676
            - **Thomas Rolfe** 1615–
              - **Robert Bolling**
              - **Anne Clark**
            - **Jane Poythress**
              - **John Rolfe** 1585–1622
              - **Pocahontas** 1594–1616
                - **John Rolfe** 1562–1594
                - **Dorothea Mason**
                - **Eustace Rolfe** 1539–1593
                - **Joanna Jener**
              - **Capt. Francis Poythress**
              - ———
        - **Mary Kennon**
          - **Richard Kennon** –1696
          - **Elizabeth Worsham** 1656–1735 (?)
            - **William Worsham**
            - **Elizabeth** ——— **died 1678**
    - **Susannah Everard Walker**
      - **Col. George Walker** –1779
        - **Jacob Walker**
          - **George Walker** –1732
            - **George Walker**
            - **Elizabeth** ———
          - **Ann Keith**
            - **George Keith**
            - ———
        - **Courtenay Tucker**
          - **Robert Tucker** –1722
          - **Frances Courtenay**
      - **Mary Meade**
        - **David Meade** 1710–1757
          - **Col. Andrew Meade** –1745
            - **John Meade**
            - ———
          - **Mary Latham**
            - **Daniel Latham**
            - ———
        - **Susannah Everard**
          - **Sir Richard Everard** 1683–1733
            - **Sir Hugh Everard** 1655–1706
              - **Sir Richard Everard** 1625–1694
              - **Elizabeth Gibbs**
            - **Mary Brown**
              - **John or Dr. Thomas (?) Brown**
              - ———
          - **Susanna Kidder**
            - **Dr. Richard Kidder**
            - ———
  - **Benjamin Moseley** 1755 or 60–1799
    - **William Moseley** 1730–1763
      - **Arthur Moseley, Jr.** 1690–1735
        - **Arthur Moseley** 166?–1730
          - **Arthur Moseley** 1630–1702
          - **Ann Hargraves**
            - **William Moseley** 1608–1655
            - **Susannah Cockroft** –1655
        - **Sarah Hancock** 1673–
          - **Robert Hancock** 1650–1709
          - **Johan Lyggon** 1653–1728
            - **Col. Thomas Lyggon** –1677 or 8
            - **Mary Harris** 1625–
              - **Capt. Thomas Harris** 1586–1647
              - **Adria Osborne** 1601–
      - **Mary Watkins** 1735–1792
        - **John Watkins**
          - **John Cocke**
            - **Richard Cocke**
            - ———
          - **Martha Cocke**
            - **Obedience Branch** –1746
              - **John Branch** –1687 or 8
                - **William Branch** 1623–1676
                - **Jane** ———
                - **Christopher Branch** 1602–1681
                - **Mary Addie** –1630
              - **Martha Jones**
                - **Thomas Jones**
                - ———
    - **Mary Branch** 1764–1848
      - **Matthew Branch** –1772
        - **Matthew Branch** –1767
          - **Matthew Branch** 1661–1722
            - **Thomas Branch** 1623–1695
              - **Christopher Branch** 1602–1681
              - **Mary Addie** –1630
            - **Elizabeth Gough**
              - **Capt. Matthew Gough**
              - ———
          - **Frances Ware**
        - **Ridley Jones**
          - **Maj. Peter Jones** abt. 1691–1758
            - **Capt. Peter Jones** –1726 or 7
              - **Peter Jones** –1687
              - **Margaret Wood** –1719
                - **Abraham Wood** –between 1680 and 1683
                - ———
                - **Henry Batte**
                - ———
            - **Mary Batte** —sometime after 1741
              - **Thomas Batte**
                - **John Batte**
                - ———
              - **Mary** ———
          - **Dorothy Chamberlayne** 1710–1782
            - **Maj. Thos. Chamberlayne** 1655–1719
              - **Col. Edmund Chamberlayne** 1611–1676
                - **Edmund Chamberlayne** –1634
                - **Sir Thomas Chamberlayne**
                - **Elizabeth Luddington**
                - **Grace Strangeways**
                - **John Strangeways**
                - ———
              - **Eleanor Colles**
                - **Humphrey Colles**
                - ———
            - **Elizabeth Stratton**
              - **Edward Stratton**
              - **Martha Shippey**

Mary Moseley –1867

(LONGER NOTE 20)

ROLFE ELDRIDGE GLOVER, JR., AND FRANCES GERTRUDE CHENEY GLOVER

Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr., born at 205 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia; graduate Virginia Polytechnic Institute (B. S. in Chemistry 1908); now living near Wilmington, Delaware.

Frances Gertrude Cheney Glover is a graduate of Vassar College (B. A. 1917). She was born in Athens, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Frank J. and Gertrude E. (Buchanan) Cheney. Frank J. Cheney was the son of William Henry and Frances E. (Thompson) Cheney, of West Otis, Massachusetts. Gertrude E. Buchanan was the daughter of Thomas Buchanan, Jr., and Eliza A. (Crossman) Buchanan, of Utica and Deerfield, New York. Eliza A. Crossman was a descendant of Robert Crossman who came to Massachusetts prior to 1636.

(LONGER NOTE 22)

HERON FAMILY

James Heron, a Scotsman, 1751–1801, married, September 11, 1790, Sarah Taylor, born 1771, daughter of John and Sarah Tucker Taylor, of a well known family of Norfolk, Virginia. Sarah Tucker Taylor descended from ancestors eminent in the colony of Virginia. (Colonial Dames papers of Mrs. Rolfe Eldridge Glover.) That the Herons were well connected in Scotland is evident from the wedding gift to Sarah Taylor Heron of a set of handsome china from James Heron's uncle, Sir William Douglas. (Remains of this china are in possession of Mrs. William Anderson's fam-

ily of Lexington, Virginia, and Mrs. Lewis H. Blair, of Richmond.)

A very large and beautifully made sampler, worked in 1800 by Sarah Ann Eyre Heron, daughter of James and Sarah Taylor Heron, records the names and birth-dates of herself and her sisters and brothers. It is as follows:

William Douglas Heron,	1791
James Taylor Heron,	1792
Sarah Ann Eyre Heron,	1794
Courtenay Heron,	1797
John Heron,	1798

(The Heron sampler is in possession of Mrs. Lewis H. Blair.)

Sarah Ann Eyre Heron married John Geddes Blair. Mrs. James Heron (Sarah Taylor) perished in the burning of the Richmond Theatre, December, 1811. One of her gowns, a yellow brocade made in the empire style of her day, has descended to her great-great-granddaughter, Miss Anne Blair Matthews.

John Harvie Creecy, of Richmond, has made extensive researches in the Heron-Taylor line.

(LONGER NOTE 23)

GIBBS FAMILY

Gibbs of New York, an English family. George Gibbs, father of Gen. Alfred Gibbs, U. S. Army, married Laura Walcott, daughter of Oliver Walcott, Secretary under Washington and Adams. The Walcotts were a distinguished family of Lichfield, Connecticut, where their ancestral home still stands.

Alfred Wolcott Gibbs, son of Gen. Alfred and Peggy Foushee Blair Gibbs (see pages 20, 21), was born at Fort Filmore, New Mexico, October 27, 1856. After courses at Rutgers School and Rutgers College, he entered Stevens Institute of Technology in 1874; graduated 1878; special apprentice at Pennsylvania Railroad shops, Altoona, 1879–1881; draughtsman, Richmond and Danville Railroad 1881–1886; Master Mechanic of the Atlanta and Charlotte Division, 1886–1888; Master Mechanic of Virginia Midland Division, 1888–1890; appointed Superintendent of Motive Power of the Central of Georgia Railroad, 1890; when the office was abolished, again Master Mechanic of Richmond and Danville Railroad, 1892; Assistant Mechanical Engineer, Pennsylvania Railroad, 1893; Superintendent of Motive Power of Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, 1902; General Superintendent of Motive Power, Pennsylvania Railroad, 1903–1911; Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad System until his death in 1922.

Societies, etc.: Member of Mechanical Division of the American Railroad Association; American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Society for Testing Materials (President, 1915); American Engineering Standards Committee; American Railroad Engineering Association; American Society of Naval Engineers; President of the Eastern Railroad Association; member Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Institute and Free Library.

Clubs: Engineers', Rittenhouse, Automobile, and Corinthian Yacht Club, of Philadelphia; and Engineers' Club of New York.

From the many memorials written of Alfred Wolcott Gibbs by his professional associates and by the organizations of which he was a member, the following excerpts will give some sense of the deep admiration and regard he inspired:

"Mr. Gibbs was endowed with a mind of fine scientific quality, which by careful training soon proved him a me-

chanical engineer whose opinion was eagerly sought and confidently relied upon, and gave him a high position among the mechanical engineers in the railroad companies of the country. He was always an interesting and attractive companion in any group of educated men. His general information added to his scientific attainments led to prominent standing in the technical and commercial engineering societies whose work was affiliated with that of the railroad companies." "He did valuable technical work on many committees of design, and gave time to original research, especially in metallurgy." "Throughout all his business transactions he assumed the stern responsibility that rested upon him with that charity and sympathetic understanding which makes a business life a joy instead of mere labor or obligation." "His was a life to emulate and an inspiration to all his friends, particularly to his younger associates in the engineering profession. The world has lost a good man and a great engineer."

"His presence was sunlight." "He was the most lovable of men." "I never knew a man with a more even temperament, nor have met many who were less biased or more fair, frank, or fearless when it came to a discussion." "He was thoughtful, considerate, and charitable. In all my association with him I never heard him make an unkind remark about anybody. I shall miss his cheerful greetings, his quiet humor, his genial companionship, and his sincere friendship." "I admired his high sense of honor, delightful personality, and rare, intelligent judgment."

John Blair Gibbs, M. D., of New York City, younger brother of the above, was born in Richmond, Virginia, September 25, 1858. Graduated at Rutgers College, and soon after began the study of medicine; M. D. of University of Pennsylvania; connected with Bellevue and Postgraduate Hospitals of New York City; studied medicine a year in

Germany; practiced medicine in New York City, where his genial and sympathetic nature made him a favorite with patients of all classes.

When the Spanish-American War began, Dr. Gibbs enlisted as a surgeon, was commissioned, and sent on a transport with troops to Guantanamo, Cuba, where he was killed in a night attack of the Spaniards on the Marines' camp. The University Club of New York held a memorial service in Dr. Gibbs' honor, in Trinity Church, at which about 350 members of the Club were present.

John Blair Gibbs was the first physician accepted as an army surgeon under the President's first call for volunteers and also the first American officer killed in Cuba.

Letter from the widow of Gen. Custer to the widow of Gen. Gibbs:

Paris, June 19th, 1898

My dear friend

My heart is heavy with sorrow for you in this dark hour of your life. . . . All the memories of long ago come to me:—the children playing their little pranks on my husband and his delight in their companionship—their father's pride when he had them mounted on the ponies, their little legs almost straight out from the saddle. Then Blair's silent, but intense sympathy for you when you were called upon to give up the one so dear to you. (Blair was 10.) and I remember that when I once asked the general where had been the station he liked best, he said, "Where my boys were born."

The hundred little incidents of the boys' lives, their quaint speeches, their courtesy and kindness as tiny fellows—their dear dog—indeed so much is indelibly impressed on my mind as I go back to those happiest days of my life that now it seems as if I could not face the future for you. . . .

The few brief lines I have yet had prove how worthy a son of such a father and of such courageous ancestors. It was a grand departure from this life to die so heroically while working to save the lives of others. . . . My heart sorrows for you, my dear old friend, and I cannot help but think how deep would be the sympathy of him I love and how intense would be his admiration for your noble boy.

May the Saviour comfort you.

. . . With love

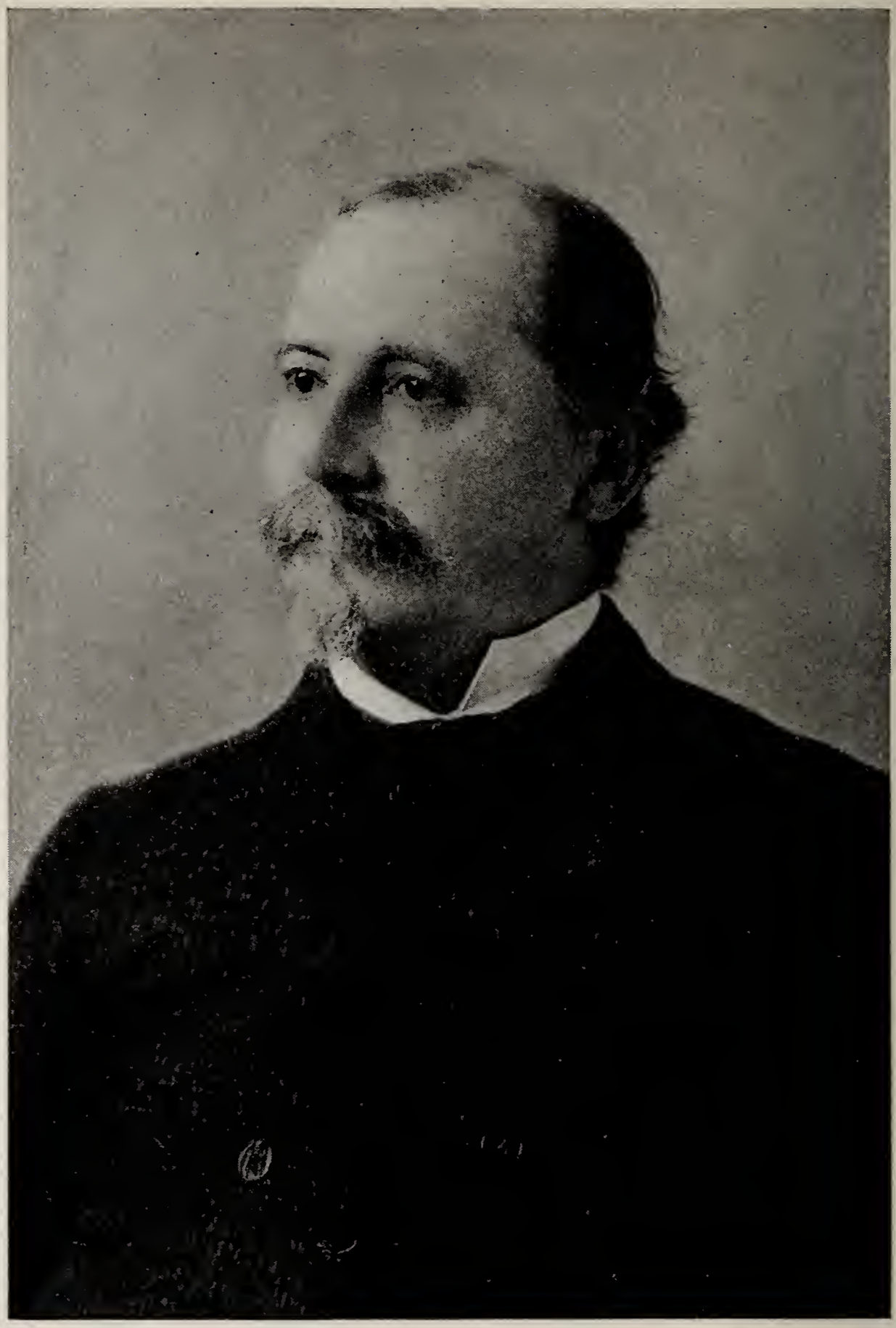
Elizabeth B. Custer

(LONGER NOTE 24)

JAMES BLAIR, M. D.

327 James[3] Blair, M. D., received his professional education at the University of Pennsylvania, then the foremost medical school of the country. In Richmond he lived in a three-story brick residence which he built on the lot west of his father's house on Leigh Street. His promising career in medicine was cut short by lameness, which prevented the full practice of his profession. He therefore purchased a drug-store for the support of his family.

"Dr. Blair for many years added to his previous high character, for probity and amiableness, that of eminent piety and active benevolence. As a physician he was rapidly gaining the confidence of an increasing number of patrons in Richmond, and few have equalled, none have excelled him, in the amount of professional labor gratuitously bestowed upon the poor. His Christian principles were here most remarkably manifested for the spiritual as well as bodily welfare of all he attended. He was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church on Shockoe Hill, and long will the remembrance of his judicial, prudent, punctual, and laborious dis-



Dr. Walter Blair
1835–1909

Of Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia. From a photograph in the possession of Miss Ellen Donnell Codrington Blair.

charge of this responsible office be cherished by the members, among whom he was universally beloved and revered."

(Contributed to a Richmond newspaper at the time of his death.)

Dr. James Blair died at the age of forty-two.

(LONGER NOTE 25)

DR. WALTER BLAIR OF HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

Walter Blair, son of Col. Walter Dabney Blair, of Richmond, had as his teacher the celebrated scholar and great instructor, Rev. Robert Lewis Dabney, D. D. In 1853 young Blair had made such progress in his studies that he entered Hampden-Sydney College in the Junior year and graduated in 1855 with the second honor; was tutor and teacher of the grammar school connected with the college; assistant and then full professor of Ancient Languages in the college; studied at the Universities of Berlin and Leipsic; but returned home to enter the Confederate States Army; enlisted in the 1st Company of the Richmond Howitzers; became Sergeant Major in Col. Cabell's artillery battalion, and with the Richmond Howitzers took part in a great number of important battles, fought by the Army of Northern Virginia, until the Surrender. At the close of the war Mr. Blair returned to Hampden-Sydney, took up his work in Latin and afterwards in German also, and filled these chairs with great ability until 1896, when he resigned and was made Professor Emeritus.

Several times institutions of larger endowment and wider reputation than Hampden-Sydney called him to their service, but he declined to leave his own college. It was due largely to Professor Blair and Professor Gildersleeve that the Roman Method of pronunciation of the Latin was introduced into

the South. Professor Blair was the author of a book on "Pronunciation of Latin," which caused him to be recognized as one of the first Latin scholars in this country, and justly made for him a great reputation in academic circles.

Degrees: A. B. and A. M. of Hampden-Sydney; Litt. D. from Washington and Lee University.

(LONGER NOTE 26)

MARIA BLAIR

356 Maria[4] Blair (1841–1924), daughter of 354 Thomas Rutherfoord[3] and Margaret Edmundson Blair, a woman of brilliant characteristics, adorned her city and her family. Left an orphan, she early began to teach. She travelled many times abroad, often carrying large parties with her. On her return from such trips, Miss Blair gave very popular lectures to groups on art and history. For a number of years she conducted Shakespeare classes with much success. Her warm interest in her subjects added to the delight of her hearers. To a life of ardent culture, Maria Blair joined years of missionary service, leading in the activities of the Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church in the lower business section of the city. She had friends in every class of people. A keen insight into human nature, a quick sympathy, a marvellous memory aided her in whatever she undertook to do. One of her most prized connections was with the Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a charter member of the Woman's Club, Richmond, and during the first year, 1894, officiated as First Vice-President.

Her grave is in Shockoe Cemetery, Richmond.

(LONGER NOTE 27)

MAYO FAMILY

The family of Mayo, settled at "Powhatan" on James River, a short distance below Richmond, Virginia, are descendants of William Mayo of Poulshot, County Wilts, England.

William, of Poulshot, (1656–1691),
|
Joseph, of Poulshot,
\
Col. William, emigrated to Barbadoes, and from thence with his family to Virginia about 1723.
|
Joseph, burgess, m. Mary Tabb, of Gloucester County, Virginia.
|
William, m. Elizabeth Bland Poythress, of Prince George County, Virginia,
|
Joseph Hearne, m. Elizabeth Durburrow Blair, dau. of Rev. John Durburrow Blair.

The Mayos are among the very earliest citizens of Richmond, Virginia.*[54] They were seated at "Powhatan," in a

*[54] "Sept. 19, 1733.—When we got home we laid the foundation of two large cities, one at Shacco's to be called Richmond, and the other at the falls of Appomattox river, to be called Petersburg. These Major Mayo offered to lay out into lots without fee or reward." (From the "Westover Manuscripts" of Col. William Byrd, founder of Richmond.)

handsome mansion of red brick, with substantial outbuildings of brick, and attractive surroundings.

The Mayos of "Powhatan" have always been one of the leading families of Richmond, noted for enterprise, wealth, and social distinction.

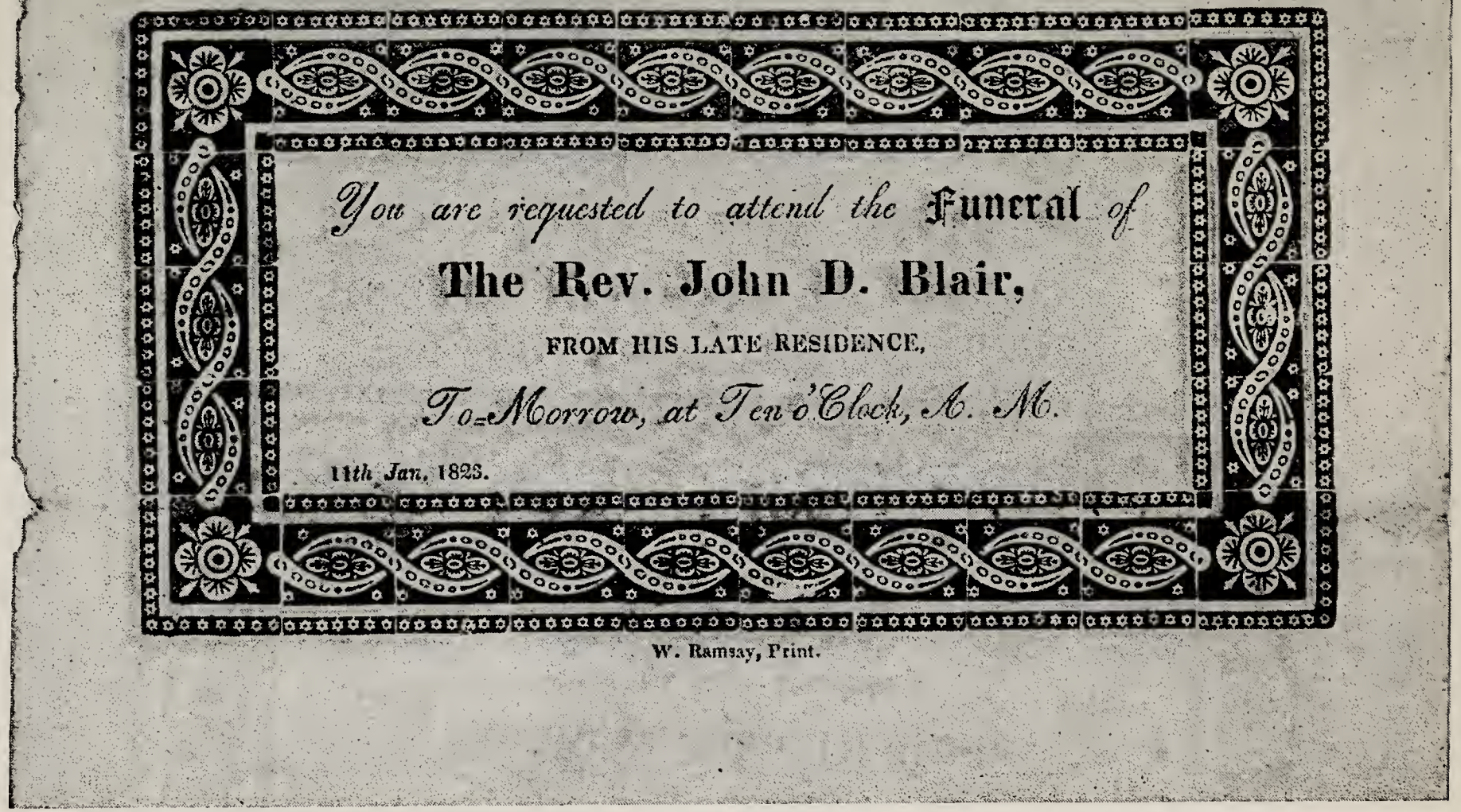
(See a bound pamphlet in the Virginia State Library, entitled "The Descendants in Virginia, for Six Generations, of Major William Mayo.")

(LONGER NOTE 28)

HARVIE FAMILY

"Tradition tells us that the Harvies sprang from Llewellyn, the last native Prince of Wales. The name has always been preserved in the family."

Col. John Harvie, of Stirlingshire, Scotland, settled in Albemarle County, Virginia, about forty years before the Revolutionary War. His eldest son, Col. John Harvie (II), born 1742, inherited his father's estate, "Belmont," in Albemarle. Of high character, he became a successful lawyer in Albemarle, represented Augusta County in the House of Delegates, and was one of the two Commissioners to conduct, continue, or close the Indian War in 1776. Col. Harvie was at one time Mayor of Richmond. He was a Member of the Continental Congress, and took part in many important political measures. Col. Harvie gratuitously surrendered the right of way through his property at Richmond to the James River Canal. His residence on Eleventh and Clay Streets was long a well known landmark in Richmond. Col. Harvie died at "Belvidere," his seat near Richmond, in 1807. He married Margaret Jones, and left four sons: Lewis, John, Edwin James, Jacquelin B.; and three daughters: Gabriella, Emily, and Julia.



"Funeral ticket" of invitation to the funeral services of Rev. John Durburrow Blair, in the possession of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Williamson.

Edwin James Harvie, with his sister Julia, died of injuries received in the burning of the Richmond Theatre in 1811. At the time of his death he was an officer in the Bank of Virginia. He left a widow, who was a Miss Hardaway, of Amelia County, Virginia, and two sons: Edwin Lewis Harvie and John Brockenbrough Harvie, of Amelia and Powhatan Counties, respectively.

Col. John Harvie's youngest son, General Jacquelin B. Harvie, married Mary, the only daughter of Chief Justice Marshall.

Gabriella, eldest daughter of Col. John Harvie, married, first, Thomas Mann Randolph of Tuckahoe, and second, Dr. John Brockenbrough, president of the State Bank of Virginia, whose residence was the mansion afterwards occupied by President Davis and known as "The White House of the Confederacy."

Lewis Edwin Harvie of "Dykeland," Amelia County, married Sarah Blair, daughter of John Geddes and Sarah Ann Eyre Heron Blair.

Dr. John Brockenbrough Harvie of "Fighting Creek," Powhatan County, married Mary Elizabeth Blair, sister of Sarah Blair, wife of Lewis Edwin Harvie of "Dykeland."

(The above information of the Harvie Family is given in "The Harvie Family," a pamphlet by Mr. Lewis Edwin Harvie of Richmond, Virginia, grandson of Lewis Edwin Harvie of "Dykeland.")

(LONGER NOTE 29)

LESSLIE FAMILY

Jane Isabella Lesslie, daughter of John and Ann Withers Lesslie, married Dr. James Blair, third son of Rev. John Durburrow Blair.

Ann Withers, whose mother was Mary Pendleton, was of an English family who settled in Williamsburg, Virginia. She married four times: first, Charles Moore, an Irishman, by whom no issue; second, Pierre Govair, a Frenchman—lost at sea. No issue; third, Charles Myers, a German. Issue, one son, William Myers, died unmarried; fourth, John Lesslie, a Scotsman, prosperous merchant and shipowner of Richmond, Virginia. Issue, one son and one daughter, Andrew and Jane Isabella who married Dr. James Blair.

Mrs. John Lesslie, it was said, was the most beautiful woman who went to the Capitol to hear the Parsons preach. An ivory miniature of her by Thomas Sully explains her charms.*[55] She met her death in the burning of the Richmond Theatre, December, 1811. "She succeeded in getting to one of the windows of the theatre building and threw her two sons therefrom. They were unhurt. The Scotch plaid cloak, or dress, of Andrew Lesslie was singed upon his person by the flames. Ann Lesslie was heard to say in the panic that having rescued her two children it wouldn't do to let her neighbor's son, Edward Wanton, be lost, and went in search of him in the burning building. She heroically perished in her object to recover the child." (Records of her grandson, James Blair.)

Ann Lesslie's name is on the monument erected in the portico of the Monumental Church, standing on the site of the theatre.

John Lesslie survived his wife not many years. He was buried at his estate, "Summer Hill," on James River, Chesterfield County, Virginia.

John and Ann Withers Lesslie left two children, Andrew and Jane Isabella. These fell a prey to an unscrupulous guardian who bereft them of their property. Andrew was sent to Glasgow to be educated, but remained at the University there only two years, doubtless for lack of funds, as

*[55] In possession of Miss Louisa C. G. Blair.

he enjoyed the classics. A copy of his matriculation was taken (1930) from the University of Glasgow records and is given below.*[56]

Andrew Lesslie returned to Richmond. He never married. After the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. James Blair, he devoted himself to the support of his widowed sister and her five children by carrying on the drug business purchased by Dr. Blair.*[57] Jane Lesslie Blair inherited a share of her mother's beauty. She was a most devoted, if indulgent, parent. One of Dr. Blair's nieces said that when she was a little girl all the children in the family liked to sit by Aunt Jane at the Sunday afternoon services, as they found that there were cakes for them in her capacious pockets.

Jane Lesslie Blair is buried with her husband in Hollywood Cemetery (Blair-Lesslie section).

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*56 "10274 Andreas Lesslie f m (filius Maximus) Unic: Joannis Merc: Virginia."

Copied August 15, 1930, from the Roll of Matriculated Students of the University of Glasgow, A. D., 1819, by his great-niece, L. C. G. Blair. Andrew Lesslie was 15 years old when matriculated.

*57 At this drug-store long gathered many of the most cultured men of the city, who made, informally, a salon of the place. Mr. Lesslie himself was known as a wit. A preacher said to him, "Well, Mr. Lesslie, you make money out of people's sicknesses." "Yes," replied Leslie, "and you make yours out of people's sins." After the death of Andrew Lesslie, his oldest nephew, Hugh Blair, carried on the business, and was succeeded in it by Gordon Blair, son of Hugh Blair. In 1933 the firm will complete its hundredth anniversary as Blair's Drug Store.

OTHER BLAIR FAMILIES

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, BLAIRS

The earliest Blair to arrive in America (1685) of whom we are aware, and the most distinguished, was Rev. James Blair (1656–1743): A. M. of Edinburgh University, a minister of the gospel for 68 years; Commissary (deputy) in Virginia of the Bishop of London for 53 years; founder of the College of William and Mary, and its President for 50 years; member of the Governor's Council and acting Governor of the colony of Virginia. A man of the finest courage, high principles, pure religion, and religious toleration. He married Hannah Harrison, daughter of Benjamin Harrison of "Wakefield" and owner of "Brandon." No issue. Dr. James Blair and his wife are buried in the churchyard at Jamestown, Virginia.

From the fact that almost nothing is known of the Scotch antecedents of the Rev. James Blair of Williamsburg, it has hitherto seemed impossible to trace a relationship between himself and other Blair lines in America.

Mrs. James Blair, daughter-in-law of Rev. John Durburrow Blair, asserted a relationship between her husband's family and that of the President of the College of William and Mary. We have as yet no record authority for her statement.

(See "Johns Hopkins University Studies, Series 19, No. 10," by Motley.)

Archibald Blair, M. D., brother of Commissary James Blair, was member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. Died in 1736.

John Blair, son of the above (1689–1771). Burgess and member of the Council. Acting Governor of Virginia, 1758–1768.

John Blair, Jr., son of acting Gov. John Blair (1732-1800), was President of the Council of State, a member of the House of Burgesses, one of the Committee of the Conven-

tion of 1776 which drew up the plan of government for Virginia, Chief Justice of the General Court, Judge of the High Court of Chancery, one of the Convention which framed the Federal Constitution and of the Convention which ratified it in 1788. In 1789, Washington appointed Judge Blair a Justice of the original Supreme Court. "In private life John Blair was amiable, blameless, pious and benevolent, a model of human perfection and excellence."

LINE OF REV. ROBERT BLAIR OF ST. ANDREWS

No more noble member of the Blair race could be desired than the Rev. Robert Blair of St. Andrews (1593–1663), early missionary to Ireland. His remarkable person and long life of heroism are recorded in Reid's "History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland" and other authoritative historical works. One eminent writer calls him "the most distinguished Presbyterian minister who was ever in Ireland."

Among the descendants of this great man were Robert Blair, author of the English Classic, "The Grave"; Hugh Blair, the famous rhetorician; and the Lord President Blair of Court of Sessions.

Although no family connection has been made between the line of Rev. Robert Blair of St. Andrews and that of the Revs. Samuel and John Blair, Hugh Blair, of Richmond, stated, "My grandmother (doubtless Mrs. John Durburrow Blair) was wont to recall the relationship between our branch of the Blair family and that of the celebrated divine and rhetorician;" and the name of Hugh went to her grandson.*[58]

*[58] It is a pleasure to note the following alliance of these lines: James Sutton Blair, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, who married Leena Custis Watkins Hall, a great-granddaughter of Rev. John Durburrow Blair, descends from the Rev. Robert Blair of St. Andrews.

Mrs. Margaret Blair Shumaker, of the Robert Blair line, says: "My grandfather, David Blair, said he was a cousin of Montgomery Blair (great-grandson of Rev. John Blair of Fagg's Manor).

In an old family Bible of the Carlisle, Pa., Blairs, are notes by Mrs. Eleanor M. Hustand Moore, a Blair genealogist. Writing of the line which leads to Hartstown, Pa. (that of Rev. Robert Blair), Mrs. Moore says: "The Fagg's Manor Blairs, Samuel and John, were somewhere in this line."

BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY, BLAIRS

Mr. John Inslee Blair, well-known capitalist and philanthropist of Belvidere, New Jersey, in whose honor Blair Hall at Princeton University is named, established Blair Academy at Blairstown, New Jersey, and aided other institutions of learning. His family traces to John Blair (1718–1798) and Samuel Blair, his brother, emigrants, who came from Scotland between 1730 and 1740. It was a tradition of the "Belvidere" Blairs that they were cousins of Revs. Samuel and John Blair of Fagg's Manor. Mr. John Inslee Blair, during a visit paid to Richmond, discussed the relationship with Col. Walter Blair and Mr. Hugh Blair, with the conclusion that no such connection could be traced.

Besides Mr. John Inslee Blair, his brother James, capitalist, was well known. The banking firm of Blair and Company, in New York City, was founded by members of this family.

Mrs. Laura Blair Vedder, niece of Mr. John Inslee Blair, has furnished information of her family, kindly putting at our disposal the chart of her family line. The editor of this book has found no apparent relationship on the chart between the Blairs of Belvidere, New Jersey, and the Blairs of Richmond, Virginia.

CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA, BLAIRS

This fine family of Blairs stands as one with which Richmond Blairs would also desire a connection.

The Carlisle Blairs have been allied with the Alrich family of Delaware, who furnished colonial governors to that colony.

Miss Jenny Blair, of Carlisle, made many Blair researches.

Interesting family relics have been preserved by this family.

A FEW INDIVIDUALS

Not Related to the Family of Rev. John Durburrow Blair

Archibald Blair, Sr., died in 1824, a highly esteemed citizen of Richmond, son of Dr. James Blair, of York County, Virginia. A relationship has been supposed between James Blair of York County and the family of Commissary Blair in Williamsburg, but it would seem that the connection has not yet been fully made out. Archibald Blair, Sr., had been Secretary of the Virginia Convention and Clerk to the Committee of Safety throughout the Revolution.

Archibald Blair, Sr., left three sons: John H., Beverley, and Archibald, Jr.; also a daughter, who married John Minor Botts. John H. Blair died in Hanover County in 1827; Beverley Blair, in 1857; and Archibald Blair, Jr., in 1860. There are no Blair descendants of Archibald Blair, Sr., living now (1933) in Richmond that we can discover.

The period of residence of Archibald Blair's family in Richmond was mainly during the first half of the 19th century.

James Edwin Blair, born in Scottsville, Albemarle County, Virginia, resided for some years in Richmond, Virginia. He

was Captain of Company C, 19th Virginia Regiment, during the Confederacy. He was an Elder in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond. He has (1933) one son in Richmond, Ernest Spotswood Blair, unmarried.

John Blair, M. D., of Augusta County, Virginia, is a well known practicing physician in Richmond (1933). He has two daughters.

RESEARCH

BLAIR COAT OF ARMS

EDITOR'S NOTE

RESEARCH

BLAIR ANCESTRY

One of the most interesting questions raised concerning the forbears of Blairs of Richmond, Virginia, has to do with the parentage of Rev. John Blair, their emigrant ancestor to America. Authorities, notably Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., President of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), states with no uncertainty that John Blair and his elder brother, Samuel, emigrated while young to America. In a letter dated 1830, to Col. Walter Blair of Richmond, Dr. Alexander wrote: "They were natives of the north of Ireland and *were brought* to America while boys." Dr. Foote, in "Sketches of Virginia, First Series, 1849," says of Samuel Blair: "Born in Ireland, June 14, 1712, he *was early removed* to Monmouth, New Jersey." In "Sketches of the Log College," 1851, Dr. Alexander repeated: "The Rev. Samuel Blair was a native of Ireland, but came early to this country."

Did their parents accompany them to America?

If, as stated by Hugh Blair in "Blair, Bolling, and Banister Families," John Blair emigrated when six years of age, it seems unlikely that the younger boy, at least, would have made the long and difficult crossing in a sail ship unless in company of one or both parents. A writer in "The Richmond Standard" (R. A. B., January, 1880) states: "The grandparents of Parson Blair (John and Samuel) emigrated very early in the Eighteenth Century from Ireland to Monmouth." One must remember, however, that at that time (1726) Presbyterian families were arriving in America by thousands, and near relatives of Samuel and John Blair may have had them in care.

Who were their parents and to which Blair line did they belong?

For some years past the "Blair Society for Genealogical Research" (Pennsylvania) and other Blair genealogists have been trying to find the answer to these questions. Dr. Eleanor Hustand Moore, a descendant of Rev. Robert Blair of St. Andrews, stated: "The Fagg Manor Blairs (Samuel and John) are somewhere in the line that leads to Hartstown, Pa." (Descendants of Rev. Robert Blair.) Dr. Moore's death, which cut short her valuable researches, left this statement unverified. Miss Jenny Blair of Carlisle, Pa., untiring in Blair research, it is thought concluded that Samuel and John Blair, emigrants, were of the line of Brice Blair who settled near Larne, Ireland, in 1625. Mrs. Clarill Blair Blair, Corresponding Secretary of the Blair Society for Genealogical Research, inclines to the Brice Blair descent.

Others who have written about the two brothers have given William Blair as the name of their father.

In preparation for "Blairs of Richmond, Virginia," all of these suggested antecedents have been subject to investigation.

In the summer of 1930, through the generosity of Mr. Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr., the editor of this book was enabled to make a research in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for the parentage of Rev. Samuel and John Blair, emigrants. Beginning at Monmouth (Freehold), New Jersey, she investigated the church and state records there, of which the former in particular have been carefully preserved from an early date and are well organized. No trace of any Blair was found, so that it is reasonable to suppose if the Blairs first resided at Monmouth on coming from Ireland, they took no root there, but passed on into Pennsylvania, where we find Samuel Blair, doubtless by the year 1730, pursuing his classical studies at Neshaminy, Bucks County.

One writer on the life of Rev. John Blair stated: "He lived as a boy with his father on the banks of the Brandywine" (Pa.). In order to follow this clue, a visit was paid to the old Brandywine Manor Church, but neither there, nor at other churches, did church records or tombs yield any information on the point desired. At Fagg's Manor, scene for so many years of the lives of Samuel and John Blair, no reliable information produced the desired data. A long trip to Belvidere in northern New Jersey was taken with the hope that from among the Blairs whose family had settled in that vicinity a light might spring. At Belvidere all courtesy was rendered for the editor's aid, but the results were negative. (See "Belvidere Blairs," page 133.) Meanwhile the Library of Congress and the historical libraries of Philadelphia had given, but fruitlessly, their aid. It was then that the editor accepted Mr. Glover's offer of a trip to northern Ireland to continue the search. She decided to pursue investigations along three lines: viz.: that of the Rev. Robert Blair of St. Andrews, one or more of whose sons settled in Ireland; the Brice Blair family; and among Blairs in and around Londonderry.

The services of two professional genealogists were enlisted. Unfortunately some time ago all Irish state records were removed to Dublin, where later most of them were destroyed by fire. Of those that remain an intensive search for Blairs was made and recorded for the editor, listing all Blairs of the dates required. No Samuel and John Blair appeared in this register. With regard to the ancestral hunt among church and graveyard records, the difficulties everywhere were almost insuperable. The rooms of the Presbyterian Historical Society were just closing for the summer when the editor reached Belfast. At Park Gate and Donegore, near which it was said descendants of the sons of Rev. Robert Blair had lived, no church records extended as far back as

the dates required—a lack invariable elsewhere. The terrible condition of the graveyards with the almost total obliteration of the older inscriptions rendered aid from them hopeless. A courteous communication from a relative of the Blairs of Park Gate expressed regret that no records of that family could be produced. At Glendermott, near Londonderry, all traces of early Blairs had vanished. The editor did not visit Aghadowey, well known for its Blairs, because its emigration lists to America from that centre had been previously examined, and led to New England. (See Emily Leavitt's "Blairs of New England," Library of Congress.)

The most hopeful discoveries came undoubtedly at Larne, but discrepancies between the data obtained there and authenticated facts in possession here have kept the solution of the parentage of Samuel and John Blair still in doubt. An account of the Brice Blair line follows:

In 1625 Brice Blair, aged twenty-five, with his young wife, Esther Peden, and their infant daughter, fled on a collier from Ayrshire, Scotland, to Ulster. It is presumed that Brice Blair was escaping from religious persecution. Esther Peden was a farmer's daughter and below her husband's rank. She was the aunt of the famous William Peden of sainted Covenanter memory, to whom a memorial has been erected in recent times. On arriving in Ireland, Brice Blair made his way to his kinsmen, Sir William Edmonstone of Broadisland, and Rev. Edward Brice of Ballycarry. (The Edmonstones had large estates in Scotland and Ireland.) From the former he obtained 400 acres at Ballyvallagh, township of Raloo, about four miles from Larne on the coast of Antrim. On the land he acquired Brice Blair built a flax mill by a stream and a simple cottage for his home. The Blairs at Ballyvallagh gradually acquired adjoining lands and built houses on the farm land, the earlier cottage of Brice Blair being superceded by a dwelling on higher ground. At Ballyvallagh for some time the Blairs lived as

pioneers and farmers, although their family in Scotland had doubtless been of higher station.*[1]

Brice and Esther Blair left five sons and a daughter. From their son Daniel, who married Janet Drummond, came eight children. One of these, Samuel, married Martha Campbell Lyle, daughter of James Lyle of the Toreagh Lyles in the township of Raloo.*[2] Samuel and Martha Campbell Lyle Blair had also a large family of children:

Esther, Nancy, Daniel, *Samuel,* James, Mary, *John,* Martha, William.

The above information of the Brice Blair line was given the editor through the kindness of Dr. John Crawford Blair, Surgeon, of Larne, who allowed a chart of his family to be copied, a table compiled by his uncle, Dr. Andrew Blair, Surgeon, who had taken great interest in the genealogy of his family.

In addition to this chart, the editor is under great obligation to information contained in "The Lyle Book," by Oscar K. Lyle (deceased) of Brooklyn, published 1912. This book gives at length data of the Lyles who settled near Larne and also the Blairs of Ballyvallagh with whom the Lyles intermarried. The significant entries for research with regard

*[1] Brice, or Bryce, is another form of the Scotch name Bruce.

A tradition says that Brice Blair was grandson of an Edmonstone, laird of Duntreth in Stirlingshire, who was descended from Mary, a daughter of Robert the Third, King of Scotland. The Edmonstones are a very old family of Stirlingshire. The former statement could not be verified by the editor, when consulting a carefully edited genealogy of the House of Duntreth (British Museum Library). A fine old map of Stirlingshire in Nimmo's History of Stirlingshire (1747), however, places *Blarhouse* about a mile north of *Duntrath.* (In the Mitchell Library, Glasgow, which contains a delightful collection of works on Stirlingshire.)

*[2] Arms as given for the Toreagh Lyles in "The Lyle Book":

"Azure, a chevron, three fleurs-de-lys in chief, a demi-lion rampant in base. Crest a naked arm couped at the elbow, hand grasping an arrow pointed downward."

to Rev. John and Rev. Samuel is found among the children of Samuel Blair of Raloo and his wife, Martha Campbell Lyle Blair:

"Samuel, nothing further known,
John, probably went to Virginia."

The dates given for these brothers corresponds in the main with the ages of Samuel and John Blair of Fagg's Manor; and were the only two brothers of those names found in Ireland corresponding to our two emigrant Blairs of the same period. This does not imply, however, that the search is exhausted.

The order of ages of the family of Samuel Blair of Raloo given above may not be correct. "The Lyle Book" is not free from error. But it will be observed that on the list the name of Samuel precedes that of John.

Two of the daughters of Samuel and Martha Campbell Lyle Blair and a granddaughter settled in Virginia. Esther married Matthew Lyle at Larne in 1731. They emigrated to Pennsylvania and removed to Timber Ridge in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Martha married Captain John Paxton of Timber Ridge. She brought with her Mary, daughter of her brother, James Blair, of Raloo. (See "The Lyle Book" and "The Paxton Family.") If John Blair of Fagg's Manor were of this Raloo family, it is not improbable that he did go as a boy to Virginia. It may be remembered also that Rev. John Blair made, as a young man, two preaching tours into the Valley of Virginia, on one of which he organized the church at Timber Ridge. Rev. Samuel Blair also visited the Valley of Virginia.

If Samuel and Martha Campbell Lyle Blair were the parents of Rev. Samuel and Rev. John Blair of Fagg's Manor, the mystery of their lost parentage solves itself. *Their parents never came to America,* their mother dying in 1729 when John was nine years old. Their father lived to be very old.

If he came to America, he returned to Raloo. Thus the mysterious blank in the parentage of two eminent, highly educated, and well-connected men would be explained, and Dr. Alexander's expression, *"They were brought to America,"* gains an added significance.

But a disturbing discrepancy throws this solution of Samuel and John Blair's parentage into serious question.

The sisters of Samuel and John of Fagg's Manor are not the sisters listed on Dr. John Crawford's Blair's chart nor in "The Lyle Book." From reliable sources we know the names of at least three of the sisters of Rev. Samuel and John Blair of Fagg's Manor:

Margaret Blair, who married George Duffield the elder; parents of Rev. George Duffield, Jr., of Philadelphia, who married his first cousin, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Samuel Blair.

Elizabeth Blair, who married Rev. Robert Smith of Pequea, Pa.; parents of Rev. Samuel Stanhope Smith, the father of Hampden Sydney College and President of Princeton; married a daughter of John Witherspoon the Signer, and ancestor of General J. C. Breckinridge, Vice-President of the United States. And his brother, Rev. John Blair Smith, for some years President of Hampden Sydney College.

——— Blair, who married Robert Cummins; parents of Rev. Alexander Cummins of New York and Boston.

Dr. Alexander mentions two other sisters: Hannah Blair, who, he says, married Rev. John Carmichael, pastor of the church at the Forks of the Brandywine, and an unmarried sister whom he remembers seeing, an elderly lady, at the house of Rev. Robert Smith. Of the latter we know nothing. Of the former, Dr. Alexander was evidently in error. Rev. John Carmichael married Sarah Blair, daughter of Rev. Samuel Blair and not his sister.

Three other sisters of Rev. Samuel and Rev. John Blair have been supposed:

Mary Blair, married ——— Moore,
Rebecca Blair, married ——— Elliot,
Alice, or Agnes, Blair, married ——— Rutherford.

Of these three nothing is yet verified. Frances, or Francina, daughter of Rev. Samuel Blair, married James Moore and may have been confused with a supposed aunt. Neither Alice nor Agnes are our Blair names of that period. Moore and Elliot are Valley of Virginia names.

Samuel Blair of Raloo married a second time, Ann Graham, but it is said they had no issue. Unless this is a mistake, or that Samuel Blair married yet again and had issue by a third wife,—he lived to be 87—it is difficult to reconcile the list of his daughters as given in "The Lyle Book" with the three proven sisters of Rev. Samuel and Rev. John Blair of Fagg's Manor.

The relative dates for Samuel Blair of Raloo and his first wife, Martha Campbell Lyle Blair, as given on their tombstones, are questionable. If the wife died in 1729 (the probable date), aged 34, she was 28 years younger than her husband, an unlikely difference of age for a first marriage in times of early wedlock. Samuel Blair's age is given as 87 at the time of his death in 1754.*[3]

In a long and extended research, the editor of this book

*[3] One of the most pleasing adventures of the research was the visit to old Raloo churchyard. Starting from the sea-coast and Larne, one bright afternoon, the car climbed into a high, rolling country of broad hills and beautiful distant views. Two men of the neighborhood, familiar with the graveyard, accompanied the expedition. After inspecting the site of Brice Blair's original settlement at Ballyvallagh, it was necessary to go on foot up a tall hill and down again into a valley in order to reach the churchyard. The inevitable rain had appeared. The place was impressive. Immensely tall dark trees secluded the spot, which was surrounded by a substantial stone wall with dignified iron gates. The ruin of tiny old Raloo church, now

has come across no mention of a brother, or brothers, of Samuel and John Blair of Fagg's Manor except in one instance. Among the papers left by Miss Jenny Blair of Carlisle, Pa., which the editor has had the privilege of inspecting through the courtesy of her family, an account is given of Judge William Blair of northern Maryland, said to have been a younger brother of Samuel and John. His judgeship began in Frederic County, Maryland, in 1765. His home is given as Fagg's Manor prior to his residence in Maryland. Judge William Blair's will was made January 7, 1777. He mentions as children Samuel, John, Elizabeth, and Naomi (or Nannie). He had also a daughter, Emalia. The family of Judge William Blair became connected through marriage with the Blair family of Carlisle, Pa. The paper giving this information is unsigned and was evidently copied by Miss Jenny Blair from some data not verified by her.

The seven consecutive William Blairs of the Carlisle line have an interesting history. The first (accredited with the

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only a mound covered with bushes, moss, and fern, occupied the centre of the enclosure. Samuel Blair's tombstone, broad, tall, four inches thick, bore the inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Samuel Blair of Bally Raloo
who Died March the 20, 1754 Aged 87 years

These words surround the Blair coat of arms cut in the stone, as follows:

Amo Probos; stag statant; helmet; star;
saltire with mascles; garb.

The tombstone of *Martha Cambell Blaer,* wife of Samuel Blair, is near her husband's.

Earnest efforts were made with an excellent kodak (gift of Miss Virginia Randolph Ellett for the research tour) to photograph the tombstones at Raloo, but the deepening gloom under the dark trees in torrents of rain ruined the films; rough pencil sketches only could be obtained. The star may have been a mullet. It is known that other stones in Raloo churchyard bore the Blair coat of arms.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the help given on this and other expeditions by Miss Anne Blair Matthews, the editor's travelling companion in Ireland and Scotland.

name William) born in Ireland, emigrated to America with his wife, son, and daughter. He died shortly after landing. His wife and children went to Lancaster County, Pa., where a posthumous son, William, was born at Brandywine. (William Blair, First of Carlisle, 1729–1802.) William Blair married Mary Cowen. They removed to Carlisle. His older brother died unmarried.

Since none of the rather hazy William Blairs proposed by different persons for the father of Samuel and John Blair, emigrants, have so far been verified by those who have put up their names, the editor of this book suggests that the proximity of dates and localities of Samuel and John with the early Williams, emigrants of the Carlisle line, may have confused later genealogists. As to Judge William Blair of Frederic, Maryland, all other accounts of Blairs are silent. Samuel and John Blair, brothers, of Raloo, had a brother named William, buried in Raloo Churchyard, the date of whose death is given as 1788, aged 73.

The Rev. Samuel Blair of Fagg's Manor had a son named William, an attorney, who doubtless lived at Fagg's Manor. Could he have become later Judge William Blair of Maryland?

Rev. John Blair had also a son of the name of William—William Lawrence Blair, lawyer of Kentucky. Rev. John Durburrough Blair had a son, William. Some attention might be paid to the constant use of the names Samuel and William in the Fagg's Manor line, in search for the father of our emigrant Blairs.

DURBURROW ANCESTORS

The Durburrow families of Philadelphia have been more than one, it is said, with several spellings of the name. We find Durburough, Durborow, Durburrow. The editor sent

a circular letter to all of these names listed in the Philadelphia Directory, asking information about their own families and about John Durburrow and his daughter, Elizabeth, who married Rev. John Blair. She received a number of courteous replies, but no definite information.

John Durburrow, father of Elizabeth Durburrow Blair, is said to have been an English merchant who lived in Philadelphia prior to the Revolution.

In the Office of the Register of Wills, City Hall, Philadelphia, it is recorded:

"Letters of Administration were granted to Rebecca Durborow, widow and relic of John Durborow, on the estate (£800) of the said John Durborow dece'd." On the margin is the date 1747. Administrators' Book F, page 82.

The oldest daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth Durburrow Blair was named Rebecca (Mrs. Linn).

Correspondence with Mr. Charles B. Durborow of Philadelphia and his relatives inclines the editor to think there may be a relationship between them and Blairs of Richmond, Virginia. That Philadelphia line regard their Durborow forbears as removing from Savannah, Georgia, to Philadelphia. This suggests an English origin. Other Durborrows came with William Penn.

Records of old Christ Church, Philadelphia, in the (Locust Street) Genealogical Society should be studied.

Military Service of Rev. John Durburrow Blair in the American Revolution

In a letter in verse to Captain Shore of the Richmond Blues Rev. John Durburrow Blair states that he fought in the American Revolution. We have as yet no official record of his service. His graduation from Princeton occurred at the age of sixteen, in 1775. Dr. Foote ("Sketches of Virginia,

Second Series") says that he came to Virginia in 1780 to take charge of Washington Henry Academy. His war record presumably falls between the two dates and the ages of sixteen to twenty-one.

A number of John Blairs fought in the American Revolution. From the fact that it was not customary then to list the soldiers except by their first and last names, and that official lists are incomplete, the location of his name in service has not appeared. With regard to his service *as from New Jersey,* the following record offices have failed to find his name on their files:

Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.; Director of Pensions Office, Washington, D. C.; Adjutant General's Office, State of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey; Hightman's Register; and files of Princeton University.

John Durburrow Blair did not seem to have made use of his middle name when a student at Princeton.

Pennsylvania military records should be searched.

BLAIR COAT OF ARMS

While not claimed by Richmond Blairs, the coat of arms used at the present time by the Blairs of County Antrim, North Ireland, is thus described:—

"By a comparison with the arms engraved in 'Scottish Heraldry', we learn that the shield is identical with that borne by the Blairs of 'Milgerholm', Ayrshire, Scotland, with a mullet for difference, showing this County Antrim line belonged to the third house. The motto, AMO PROBOS, ('Love the Right') is that borne by Blairs of that ilk, and the crest is from that of Blair of 'Blair', Ayrshire, with a difference in the posture of the stag, the Ayrshire crest being a stag lodged (lying down) while the Antrim crest is a stag statant (loping)."

The charges of the shield are: field argent; a saltire (St. Andrew's Cross) between two crescents (increscent) in the flanks; a garb (sheaf) in the base; five mascles (lozenges) voided; mullet (a star with five points pierced in the centre) below the helmet; motto, AMO PROBOS, on a scroll above the helmet. The two charges, silver and sable, make a most brilliant escutcheon.

"The County Antrim family has a tradition that the arms were granted by King Malcolm of Scotland to a Blair who had been of signal bravery in a battle, in clearing a field of the enemy, the word BLAIR signifying 'a cleared field'."

(The above information is obtained from "The Blair Family of New England," by Emily Wilder Leavitt, in the Library of Congress.)

EDITOR'S NOTE

In the winter of 1930, Mr. Rolfe Eldridge Glover, of Richmond, Virginia, in honor of his wife, Mrs. Sarah Eyre Blair Glover, recently deceased, began to make plans for the compilation and publication of a genealogy of his wife's family, the Blairs of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Glover requested Mrs. Glover's first cousin, Miss Louisa Coleman Gordon Blair, to undertake the research and make a collection of material necessary for the book. Within a few months time Mr. Glover himself passed away. In devoted consideration of his father's wishes, Mr. Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr., his son, immediately sought to continue the Memorial, requesting the editor chosen by his father to proceed with the work for the volume.

It is a pleasure to state of these two gentlemen that both were very liberal in placing at the editor's disposal funds to pursue research and to aid in the mechanics of preparation, also giving her a free hand in the selection of material. In view of this generous provision for the benefit of Mrs. Glover's people, the editor most cordially has coöperated by dedicating her time gratis to the Memorial.

The scope of the genealogy has been enlarged since the work for it began. This has been made possible through the increased liberality of Mr. Rolfe Eldridge Glover, Jr.

In planning the volume it seemed best to the editor to emphasize first the family line of the Rev. John Durburrow Blair, assembling a correct list of all of his descendants to the last, or 7th, generation (1932). These are the Blairs of Richmond, Virginia, and to this list they themselves may refer for relationship and their descendants may trace ancestry and kinship.

In order to present in the clearest manner possible the six lines of descent from the Rev. John Durburrow Blair, family names have followed each other in sequence with

scant comment or none. Footnotes at the bottom of pages and Longer Notes in the rear furnish further information.

From among the large amount of material collected, the choice for publication has been difficult. The editor has been guided in selection by including, first, matter which will be of most practical assistance to those who may consult the genealogy, such as dates in the older generations, and secondly what would prove of interest as to careers, personalities, localities, traditions, etc. With regard to biography, greatest length has been given to that of the beloved head of the Blair family of Richmond, Rev. John Durburrow Blair. His father, Rev. John Blair, and his uncle, Rev. Samuel Blair, emigrants, are accorded narratives next in length. The editor regrets that lack of space has limited accounts of collateral lines and much reference to many admirable men and women who have intermarried with Richmond Blairs and conferred honor on them. Among these the Winston family, including Jordans, Flemings, Merediths, is rich in interest and significance for study. The chapter on Research discusses mainly the ancestry of the Richmond Blairs.

That the work she has affectionately pursued in honor of Mrs. Glover may be continued and greatly extended by Blairs of the Richmond family in coming generations, is the very earnest desire of the compiler of this book. She ardently urges, besides, the organization of a Blair family society, to which all descendants of Rev. John Durburrow will be eligible. Such an association would preserve the family archives, inherit and care for family portraits and other relics, encourage and report research, and keep alive an already very strong family tradition, as well as place on available record correct membership in the society of future generations of Blairs of Richmond, Virginia.

LOUISA COLEMAN GORDON BLAIR.

Richmond, Virginia,
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