## ALICE BLAIR ANDREWS CORRESPONDENCE Charlotte Blair Stewart

Alice Blair Andrews was one of the researchers of the Original Blair Society for Genealogical Research when it was organized on 11 Aug 1925. She continued her correspondence and research long after the original society ceased to exist. Many of these letters are from that late time period and thus the data contained in them was not published in THE BLAIR MAGAZINE.

Alice was the daughter of Robert Donnell Blair and Josephine Wilson and descended from John Blair and Martha \_\_\_\_\_ of Guilford Co., NC. This appeared in "Blair Magazine:, Nov 1927 p. 87.

Mrs. Alice Blair Andrews was born February 1, 1863, at Round Rock, Texas; February 12, 1891 she married Mr. Frank Marion Andrews, at Clinton, Missouri. He died April 21, 1906. They had one son, Joseph Frank Andrews with offices in New York City.

On her maternal side she is a descendant of an unusually long line of distinguished ancestors made up of many statesmen, divines, and men who were prominent in legal affairs. Among the more prominent of these ancestors were King Malcolm and Robert Bruce, of Scotland. The Irvine family, an "Old Scotch Border Clan" dating back to A. D. 1,000 to Cyrmus Eryvimus, founder and chief of Irvine Clan (Bousham branch); is closely related to James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and of General Robert E. Lee, of Virginia; she is a descendant of John Knox, the Founder of Presbyterianism, and of which faith she is a devoted member.

The subject of this sketch has for a number of years been an enthusiastic and tireless worker in many branches of genealogical and historical research, and her manifold activities along these lines have been utilized in her appointment as "Histographer of the Irvine Society of America," and Searcher of the Blair Society. She has been active in Club work, and was the organizer and first Registrar of Roswell Chapter of the D. A. R.; later she served as Regent of this Chapter and acted as its representative at the National Congress. During this same period she organized and served as president of the Patrick Henry Society Children of the American Revolution, at Roswell, New Mexico. She is also a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, J. Harvey Matthews Chapter, Memphis, Tennessee. [Alice died in 16 June 1941 probably in New York City.]

Her genealogy is not included in these files. She wrote an article in The Blair Magazine, in November 1927 which includes her ancestors, their siblings, and a biography of her son. I would advise anyone interested in her family to see that source. She was the daughter of Robert Donnell Blair b. 24 May 1834 near Humboldt, TN and his wife Josephine Wilson, granddaughter of Andrew Blair b. 12 Jan 1810 and wife Nancy Sellers. great-granddaughter of Andrew Blair b. 24 Apr 1774 and Jean Dickey and great-great granddaughter of John Blair b. c1742 and Jean \_\_\_\_\_ of Guilford Co., NC. Note: She does not connect John b. c1742 to John and Martha \_\_\_ Blair of Guilford Co., although there is some discussion of a possible connection in her letters. She states a family tradition of three brothers who came to America about 1700 but does not elaborate.

In her book John Blair of Guilford County, North Carolina and Some of his Descendants by Lucy Echels Blair, Lamesa, Texas 1979, it is asserted that John b.c1742 who married Jean \_\_ was the son of John and Martha\_\_. However this source also has Hugh Blair who married Mary Dawson as another son and that connection has been seriously challenged by other researchers. The John Blair who married Martha \_\_ did name a son John in his will in 1770, however, proof that this is the same John Blair who married Jean has been questioned. Many of the descendants in the below letters and notes are not included in Lucy Echels book.

Many of the letters here are from Eva Pogue Kirkman of California. She also wrote a booklet about her ancestors which is included in these files. However, the Blair-Moffett family of California held annual picnics and reunions for many years. They up-dated and expanded on Eva's research and issued another book on the family <u>The Blair-Moffett Families</u>, <u>A history and Genealogy between the years 1600 and 1942</u> compiled and arranged by Eva Pogue Kirkman, additional data compiled and arranged by

Martha Brown Campbell from 1943 - 1976 with additional data compiled and arranged by Jack Harold Moffett from 1977 to 1988, printed for private distribution family members by Josten's, Visalia, California, 1988. This source should be consulted by anyone interested in the family. It is of interest that Eva started this line with William Blair of Scotland or Ireland, then goes to his son James Blair Sr. and wife Mary \_\_\_\_ with no other data. She then goes to John Blair Sr. who d. 1770 and wife Martha \_\_ as parents of her ancestor John Blair Jr. b. c1743 married Jean \_\_\_\_. This is very sketchy data and she does not elaborate on its source. The book itself documents the descendants of Rev. Jonathan Blair and his wives Melvina Ross and Sarah Mayfield Moffett of California. There is some data about his father Thomas Blair and Sarah Carnahan included. There is a great deal of biographical data on Rev. Jonathan Blair in this source. None of this material is in Lucy Echels book, cited above.

The 277 images that are extracted here are held in the Alice Blair Andrews papers by the New York Public Library. These are letters, notes, etc on both her own family and many other families of Blairs, mostly in the United States. The vast majority of these families were in NC, TN, TX, AL, MS, AZ and CA. However other areas are represented. The BSGR has obtained images of these papers and any member who is interested in a specific image may contact the society genealogist for a copy of the actual image. The images themselves may not be published or placed on the internet without permission of the Library.

I have extracted the raw Genealogical information from these files and letters. However, in many cases there is a good deal of personal data in them. This is indicated by the words "chit chat". Anyone who is related or descends from the writer may be quite interested in these details of the person life, as they often include talk of moves, crops, the weather, children's education and moves, etc. Again, please contact char@stewart.net with any requests for the actual images.

NOTE: the Library also hold Alice's files on the following families. The BSGR did not order images of these files, but descendants of John Blair of Guilford Co., NC may be interested in them: Sellers, Dickey, McElroy, Wilson, Raglan, McWhorter, Irvine, Andrews and Lee

If any of our members have the letters written BY Alice Blair Andrews we would like to hear from them.

We are also seeking the papers held by Claril Blair Blair of Mantua, Ohio and John Elmer Reed of Erie PA who had some of the original BSGR papers. If anyone has run across these papers in a Library or has them in their files, please contact char@stewart.net

Below is an index to the papers. The Extracts are in the member's only section of the website, by agreement with the New York Public Library. Many of these names are found multiple times in the 277 images of letters and papers.

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