

The Blair Society for Genealogical Research is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It has been granted tax exempt status by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. It is dedicated to the collection, preservation and dissemination of Blair history and genealogy where ever in the world Blair descendants have settled.

For more details, informative articles on Blair Heraldry, early Blair history and application forms, please see our website:

<http://www.blairsociety.org>

### Our Research Policy

*In order to best serve our membership, the society cannot undertake research for non-members.*

*Special rates for queries from non-members are available in the Blair Family Magazine.*

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**Blair**  
Society for  
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Blair is an ancient and honorable name dating back to the twelfth century.

The name itself is believed to be territorial in origin, being derived from the Gaelic "Blar" which signifies a field clear of woods or a battlefield

There were originally two principal Blair families in Scotland. The Blairs of Blair in Ayrshire and the Blairs of Balthayock in Perthshire. It is unknown if these two families share a common ancestor.

The current y-chromosome DNA project coordinated by John A. Blair is endorsed and encouraged by the BSGR. Through this project we may yet unravel the mystery of the link between the two Blair families and the many, many other smaller Blair family groups.

## Our History

The original Blair Society for Genealogical Research (BSGR) was organized in 1925 in Erie, PA. Its accomplishments included collecting and preserving the extensive correspondence of Dr. Eleanor Hiestand-Moore with Blairs all over the world, and publishing a semi-annual newsletter. These thirteen issues have been preserved in a book and on CD, both available for sale.

Some 80+ years after its inception, the BSGR remains one of the oldest and best organized of any American family society.

The BSGR was reorganized in 1983 when the records of the original society came into the possession of Mr. A. Raymond Blair of Kentucky. Since that time, the society has expanded to include more than eleven hundred people who, like yourself, are researching their Blair family origins and connections.

Building upon the work and record of the original society, the BSGR now offers its members wide-ranging programs including an energetic publication program, a sophisticated computer database, as well as the personal contacts so helpful as you pursue a known place in the worldwide Blair family. Your research, and the research of hundreds of Blair researchers past and present, make BSGR a resource that becomes more valuable over the years.

No other society or organization can offer this unique opportunity.

Won't you fill out a membership application and join us today?

## We offer you...

- ◆ The Blair Family Magazine: our 20 page, quarterly newsletter containing genealogical articles, research findings, data on all new members and information on current Blair Society affairs
- ◆ Hundreds of BSGR members, ready to exchange information and research insights.
- ◆ The BSGR genealogy database, an extensive computer compilation of Blair family information and known connections, with over 70,000 names
- ◆ BSGR conventions, each is held at different locations around the country, with very knowledgeable speakers from the local region and from our own Blair Society
- ◆ A central BSGR book and Merchandise store that is online
- ◆ A central repository for Blair research, preserved in BSGR archives and distributed to libraries nationally.
- ◆ Primary source projects such as the Blair Obituary Project and other undertakings of interest and benefit to Blair researchers
- ◆ An opportunity to share and participate in a society dedicated exclusively to the preservation of the records and history of the Family of Blair