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If James BANKHEAD is your ggggg-GF and my gggg-GF, does that make us fifth cousins once removed? Fifth cousins may not inherit enough of the same DNA to show up as Family Finder matches. I and two of my close Stewart relatives had Family Finder tests. I have not looked at the results of our Family Finder test in years.

I thank Mrs. Stowe for writing: "I believe he also has a sister doing the family search and indicates they had a will from the James died 1821 Chester co. SC with children: Robert, Samuel, Thomas and daughter Mary Blair, Jane STEWART, Margaret Harper and Elizabeth SLOAN and her son (assume 1st male child) Robert Moore Sloan b.1818?"

Have I already told you more about your Bankhead ancestors than you want to know?

Sincerely, STEWART

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On Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 8:26 PM, Dianne Erwin < erwin@suddenlink.net > wrote:

It's good to know that you can tell me a bit about my DNA test. I had it done because a distant cousin from another line wanted me to do it for research on that line.

My dad and his brother both died several years ago, but they descend through the female line from my grandmother, Lucile Blair Snider, daughter of George L. Blair, granddaughter of James B. Blair, and the great-granddaughter of David Blair of Fairfield Co., SC.

My grandmother has a nephew who lives in CA and I have tried to get him or his son to do a DNA test since they are direct male line to the Blair's, but they have refused to do it. They didn't give me any reason and Dru Blair had even offered to pay for it.

Anything you can tell me about this family would be wonderful. I have a good bit of information from James B. Blair but not much of anything except some names and places for his father and grandfather.

I have proven 2 of my lines for DAR and have several more that I know I have the information to do when I have the time to get it all in order. I have done 2 lines for Daughters of the Republic of Texas and I have a UDC line ready to mail in now. So I would like to see if any of the Blair lines can be proved back to ancestors who served in some manner in the Rev. War.

Hope you can help me with the Blair's. Dianne Snider Erwin Paris, TX

Fairfield Museum

From:

Fairfield Museum [fairfieldmus@truvista.net]

Sent:

Thursday, July 17, 2014 8:40 AM

To:

'Stewart'; 'Dianne Erwin' fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Cc: Subject:

RE: Is James BANKHEAD our most recent common ancestor?

Dianne,

I am forwarding this to the genealogy research room at the museum (I am on vacation and Eddie Killian mans the genealogy requests). There are paper files on Blairs. Dru Blair is a good source of information but you have already tapped his knowledge base. There was an early Blair family in York County. Also, I believe a Blair family came into the colony with the Covenanter minister William Martin of Ballymena, Antrim. You probably already know about this. Sorry I couldn't be more helpful from my vantage point.

-Pelham

From: Stewart [mailto:wstewrt@gmail.com] **Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2014 1:03 AM

To: Dianne Erwin **Cc:** LYLES Pelham

Subject: Is James BANKHEAD our most recent common ancestor?

Dear Dianne Erwin.

I can not help you with Blair genealogy. I am sending a copy of this to Cousin Pelham LYLES in case she knows someone who can help you. The administrator of FTDNA's Blair project at https://www.familytreedna.com/public/blair/default.aspx may also be able to help you.

About all I know about the Blairs is that some of them have lived in Fairfield County for hundreds of years, and still own land near the place called Blair, SC.

I spend most of my time working on the Y-DNA test results of my Stewart cousins, and have hardly any time for anything else. We hope that the results of our Big Y tests will help us to scientifically determine exactly how every patrilineal descendant of the first High Steward of Scotland is related to each other.

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OUR COMMON ANCESTOR

Who is our most recent common ancestor?

I thank you for writing: "My gggg-gf was Adam Blair and his wife, Mary Bankhead."

My gggg-GF James BANKHEAD's daughter Jane married Robert STEWART (my ggg-GF). Cousin Beverly Orris descends from Robert's son John Marion STEWART. I descend from Robert's son Thomas B. (Bankhead?) STEWART. She and I are probably fourth cousins.

Mrs. Stowe believes that Jane's sister Mary married a Blair. If this Mary BANKHEAD Blair is your gggg-GM, you and Cousin Beverly Oris and I have a common ancestor.

If your Family Finder test shows that you and Beverly are cousins, your and her common ancestor may be the James BANKHEAD who died ~1821 in SC. If so, you and I are cousins too.

Fairfield Museum

From:

bgclemson@comporium.net

Sent:

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:48 PM

To:

elenchikos@gmail.com

Cc:

Fairfield Museum; hendrixwb@scdot.org; 'james lyles'; John Collins;

Kenneth, A. Shelton, ctr@nga.mil; fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Subject:

Re: Lyles depot road & bridge

I spoke with Vernon. He says he never remembers any road bridge whatsoever between 99 & the river. Also says he's never heard of Lyles depot. He said he remembers when the 99 bridge was built & he remembers cars fording the creek there.

Also, he says the vein of granite in Blair goes on over to the Newberry side & there is evidence of some short-lived mining on the Newberry side. This on his sisters property, Helen Rags. Counts. now owned by her daughters, Alicia Blair and/or Tracey Hunter.

Vernon says he remembers when the spur line was put into the quarry during the 20's. Some big piece of equipment got stuck behind their home place (burned ~ 1975) & left a huge hole that filled in with water & they swam in it one summer. He thinks they started crushing rock in the late 20's & most of the gravel was sent to N. Florida & Jacksonville by his uncle depot agent, John Roger Rags. He said when the Swedes worked there, they were mining cut stones. He went on to say something else about a Mr. Howard (had something to do with quarry?) that rented an old shack beside the homeplace from CH Sr. before the Howard's built their new house beside where Indian Trail Rd. comes in to the old Blair Rd.

He said Walter Hopp was a sharecropper over on the Newberry side of the river.

He said the Newberry side was a Blair address, almost on over to Keitt's crossroads, until Pomaria got it in the 30's or 40's (wasn't sure).

He said when the Blair route was over in Newberry, AF was postmaster & Tom Wilkes/Jasper Owens carried the mail. And he said something about AF's sawmill.

He went on to talk about Salem crossroads and/or Monticello school having a Strother address. Strother was a "lumber town" & lumber was stacked around Strother for as far as you could see. He said it was Cox Brown Lumber Co. that ran things around Strother.

He said something else about a Good Jenkins being a postmaster at Buckhead.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: elenchikos@gmail.com

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 11:22 AM

To: Bryan Greer

Cc: Fairfield Museum, hendrixwb@scdot.org, 'james lyles', John Collins, Kenneth.A.Shelton.ctr@nga.mil,

fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Let's examine that spot sometime and see whether we can find any remains of an old bridge. We could follow that old road out and see where it comes out.

On Tue, Oct 14, 2014 at 2:48 PM, < bgclemson@comporium.net > wrote:

On the 1876 Elkins map, the homesite marked "Dr. Fant" would be the Edrington/Long/Ragsdale home that Steve is referring to.

'As described by Wade Fairey on his R&R site, "In 1983 this home was recorded as the Long House in the Blair section of Fairfield County. Little has been written or offered on the history of this house but it had been purchased by the Will Long family after the Civil War from a Dr. Fant. The home appears from the architectural style that it could date from 1840-1860."

Furthermore, the S.C. Dept. of Archives & History card on R&R further states "earlier house nearby that of historian William Edrington." This "nearby" house would be the "Edrington" one placed in the fork of Buckhead Rd. by the Elkins map.

LINK to R&R page: http://www.rootsandrecall.com/fairfield-county/buildings/edgrington-long-ragsdale-home/

Also, the Elkins path of Beaver Creek is a poor representation vs. today's actual path from 99 to the Broad. If you compare & contrast the actual path of today's Beaver Creek vs. the Elkins map, the Elkins map is oblivious to the fact that there is about an 8 tenths of a mile, westerly crooked run of Beaver Creek before it makes it's final southern jaunt.

Now that I have thought about this for a second, if the bridge in question was ever built, I think it was located between the Lyles graveyard & 2 abandoned campers that sit almost on the creek, up the creek about a half mile from the Lyles marker. I've seen a spot & was told about a long ago crossing that went from Ragsdale to Blair property, about halfway between the pair of abandoned campers (Debbie's) & the Lyles graveyard in the Hendrix field. There is an old road that leaves the upper end of this field. I can't remember it's course, but I do remember being told of an old crossing (maybe a bridge) between this field & those 2 campers.

BG

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From: elenchikos@gmail.com

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 1:07 PM

To: Fairfield Museum

Cc: Bryan Greer, hendrixwb@scdot.org, 'james lyles', John Collins, Kenneth.A.Shelton.ctr@nga.mil,

fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Look at the 1876 Elkins map when you get a chance. The Buckhead Road forked west of Ivy Hall (marked Col. Lyles Jr.) and went to 99 or somewhere near it two ways. The northern fork crossed north of a house marked 'Edrington', which may have been the old Will Long place where Gordon Ragsdale used to live. It continues west and crosses Beaver Creek west of a house marked 'Countz' on the map. That has to be where the bridge was proposed.

On Mon, Oct 13, 2014 at 12:48 PM, Steven White <elenchikos@gmail.com> wrote:

I don't believe it is the bridge on 99 because it says,"on the road leading from Buckhead road to Lyles Ford." which is not 99. It is the old route of the Buckhead Rd as shown on the 1876 map. Its also not the forestry road from Weeping Mary as that is nowhere near Buckhead Rd. The ad if very specific that it is a bridge on Buckhead Rd.

Maps are too small to read.

On Mon, Oct 13, 2014 at 12:39 PM, Fairfield Museum < fairfieldmus@truvista.net wrote:

I wonder if Frank B. would know. Also, what if this is the bridge built on Rd. 99 below the Weeping Mary Church hill? There was another approach into Lyles Ford from the forestry Rd. and it was the original PA Wagon trail colonial hookup

from the Chester Rd. through Lee's Mill across the upper west corner of the county. Ken Shelton put together a composite of R. Mill's atlas maps showing the colonial roads. See the dotted green line on the Fairfield map showing the approach to Lyles Ford at the top.

I'll check with Val to see what his placement would be. He just told me it could be any of these places (pink spray on topo) as there are old road beds all through the area on the ridges. Bryan, your cousin's Lyles Ford property has several old house sites along it which would suggest regular approach to the ford, including what looks like a rather substantial brick structure close to the railroad.

As the mill and Lyles depot would have been near the walls and that rocky hill intersected the railroad where one finds old stove pieces, glass, and apparently store merchandise, all that was washed away in the 1886 flood, so any bridges would have been washed out too. I have always wanted to walk the whole length of Beaver Creek from 99 to the ford, but it is rough going and my rheumatoid arthritis will eventually make it mostly a dream (I am in treatment and the symptoms are kept mild for the time).

Some time ago, I came across a statement, probably promulgated by Mark Rigsby who tended to "elaborate" things, that Thos. M. Lyles also had a pottery "manufactory" (probably a rude shed with some wheels for throwing stoneware crocks, etc.) somewhere along Beaver Creek. Val and I scouted a section near where the bridge is on #99 looking for it but found no apparent potential site for a kiln or pottery fragment concentration. Archaeologists at the state were very interested in knowing more. In your newspaper searches, keep an eye out for any mention of this.

I'll send Ken the article you sent on the flood...

-Pelham

From: <u>bgclemson@comporium.net</u> [mailto:<u>bgclemson@comporium.net</u>]

Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2014 8:49 PM **To:** <u>elenchikos@gmail.com</u>; Fairfield Museum

Cc: hendrixwb@scdot.org

Subject: Lyles depot road & bridge

Was this bridge ever built? Where was Lyles Depot? From 31 Oct. 1878 News & Herald, image 2:

BRIDGE NOTICE.

PROPOSALS for building a Bridge over Beaver Creek, on the road leading from Buckhead road to Lyles Ford, about one mile distant from Lyles Depot, will be received at the proposed. site, on the 7th of November, 1878. Specification will be made known on that day, and the contract let out to the lowest bidder, the County Commissioners reserving the right to reject all bids. if they deem proper The contractor to give bond with approved secourity, for the faithful performance of the work, and warrant the same for two years.

JOHN A. HINNANT, oct 23-x2 Chair. B. C. C F. C.

Sent from Windows Mail

Steven White

Genealogy Resource Library

From:

Genealogy Resource Library [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]

Sent:

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 11:15 PM

To:

'Dianne Erwin'

Subject:

RE: Blair genealogy questions

Hello Dianne,

I have sent via our printer (<u>fairfieldmus@truvista.net</u>) census for Adam Blair, in addition to the information that was sent earlier today.

Eddie

----Original Message----

From: Dianne Erwin [mailto:erwin@suddenlink.net]

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 2:19 PM To: <u>fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net</u>
Subject: Blair genealogy questions

Hi!

Pelham Lyles sent me to you to check for information. Dru Blair, most likely a distant cousin, had recommended I check here too.

I am the gggg-granddaughter of Adam Blair through his son David. I would like to send in a supplemental DAR application for Adam Blair if I can find the information. I'm also interested in James Bankhead whose daughter Mary was married to David Blair.

Any help you can give me in researching this family would be appreciated.

Dianne Erwin erwin@suddenlink.net

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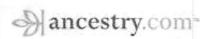
From: fairfieldmus@truvista.net

Sent:

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 10:57 PM erwin@suddenlink.net; fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net Adam Blair image2014-09-17-225721.pdf To:

Subject: Attachments:

census



Name:	Adam Blair
Home in 1790 (City, County, State):	Fairfield, South Carolina
Free White Persons - Males - Under 16:	3
Free White Persons - Males - 16 and over:	1
Free White Persons - Females:	5
Number of Household Members:	9

Source Citation: Year: 1790; Census Place: , Fairfield, South

Carolina; Series: M637; Roll: 11; Page: 153; Image: 103; Family History Library Film: 0568151.

Source Information:



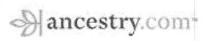
Ancestry.com. 1790 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by Family Search.

Original data: First Census of the United States, 1790 (NARA microfilm publication M637, 12 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Description:

This database details those persons enumerated in the 1790 United States Federal Census, the First Census of the United States. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to the actual images of the 1790 Federal Census. Enumerators of the 1790 census were asked to include the following categories in the census: name of head of household, number of free white males and fem ales. number of other free persons, number of slaves, town or district and sometimes town or district of residence.

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Name:	Adam Blair
Home in 1820 (City, County, State):	Fairfield, South Carolina
Enumeration Date:	August 7, 1820
Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 45 and over:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 16 thru 25:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44:	1
Number of Persons - Engaged in Agriculture:	2
Free White Persons - Over 25:	2
Total Free White Persons:	4
Total All Persons - White, Slaves, Colored, Other:	4

Source Citation: 1820 U S Census; Census Place: . Fairfield, South Carolina; Page: 52; NARA Roll: M33_118; Im age: 255.

Source Information:



Ancestry .com . 1820 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by Family Search.

Original data: Fourth Census of the United States, 1820. (NARA microfilm publication M33, 142 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Description:

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1830 United States Federal Census

Name:	Adam Blair [Adan Blair]
Home in 1830 (City, County, State):	Fairfield, South Carolina
Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9:	1
Free White Persons - Males - 80 thru 89:	1
Free White Persons - Females - 40 thru 49:	1
Free White Persons - Under 20:	1
Free White Persons - 20 thru 49:	1
Total Free White Persons:	3
Total - All Persons (Free White, Slaves, Free Colored):	3

Source Citation: Year: 1830; Census Place: , Fairfield, South

Carolina: Series: M19; Roll: 169; Page: 402; Family History Library Film: 0022503.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1830 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

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Original data: Fifth Census of the United States, 1830. (NARA microfilm publication M19, 201 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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Name:	Adam Blair	
Age:	40	
Birth Year:	abt 1810	
Birthplace:	South Carolina	
Home in 1850:	District 19 and a half, Chambers, Alabama	
Gender:	Male	
Family Number:	412	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	Adam Blair	40
	Mary Blair	39
	Jane Blair	85
	Jane Blair	17
	William Blair	15
	Robert Blair	12
	Wylie Blair	10
	James Blair	7

Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: District 19 and a half, Chambers, Alabama; Roll: M432_2; Page: 411B; Image: 821.

Source Information:



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Original data: Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Description:

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Genealogy Resource Library

From: Genealogy Resource Library [fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 3:04 PM

To: 'Dianne Erwin'

Subject: RE: Blair-Bankhead family in Fairfield Co., SC

Attachments: Bankhead.docx; Blair, Mary-Salem.jpg; Blair, David-Salem.jpg

Hello Dianne,

I have attached information from our records in a word document and attached David & Mary's tombstone pictures at Salem Pres. Cemetery, Buckhead (now Blair), Fairfield County, SC.

How research request are handled:

Non-members: up to 4 hours of research per request for Fairfield County and charge \$15

we do not charge more than \$15 per request
If necessary, mail paper copy at \$.10 per copy

Extensive information, if available a 8GB USB Memory Stick is sent (\$10)

Members: Research and paper copies free during their membership year(s)

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I suggest that it is more economical to join the chapter rather than pay \$15 per request and \$.10 per paper copy. An application can be found on our website listed in signature line below.

All information to contact us is at the bottom of this email.

Otherwise, please send us a \$15 check to the address below for our research services, thank you!

For our records would you please share any information you have updated on your family lines. The information will be filed and made available in our family files. This will expedite future request for research.

Thanks again for your patience and I hope you success in finding your ancestor's information.

Eddie

Eddie Killian

SC Genealogical Society, Fairfield County Chapter, President Fairfield County Chapter Genealogy Library Research Volunteer

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copies of the original message.

Here is what we found on David and Mary Calvin Bankhead Blair. Hope this will help you.

David is buried at Salem Presbyterian Church-died on September 24, 1856 at the age of 76 Mary is buried at Salem Presbyterian Church-died on April 18, 1850 at the age of 74

David must have died without a will as his estate was handled in Equity Court.

In Equity Bill 1860-3 has the following for the family of David Blair:

Mary Blair was his wife

His Children were:

Ellen-married Moses Cameron

James B. Robert David Mary Jane William Ross

Adam-he had died before 1860

David was the grandfather of Elizabeth Jane Blair who was a daughter of Adam

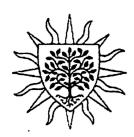
The following is the only info we found on any of his children:

In the 1850 Census for Pickens County, Alabama

		Age	Born in
Moses Cameron	Head of Household	47	South Carolina
Ellen	Wife	42	South Carolina
Sarah	Daughter	18	South Carolina
Nancy J.	Daughter	17	South Carolina
James B.	Son	16	South Carolina
Heannus	Son	13	Alabama
Joseph Q. C.	Son	10	Alabama
Margaret C.	Daughter	7	Alabama
Moses A.	Son	3	Alabama
Savedelf F.	Son	1	Alabama

The only Bankhead info we found was estate papers for a Robert Bankhead: It states that his wife was Elizabeth and his children were: Sarah, Rosannah and James David Blair along with Robert's wife, Elizabeth were administrators of his estate.

Moses and Ellen Cameron moved to Alabama in the mid 1830's, and other children of David and Mary may have followed as we were unable to find any info on the rest of David and Mary's children.



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From: Dianne Erwin [mailto:erwin@suddenlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 11:01 PM

To: fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

Subject: Blair-Bankhead family in Fairfield Co., SC

I am researching the family of David Blair and Mary Calvin Bankhead who lived and died in Fairfield Co., SC. They lived in Blair, SC and are both buried there. If you have any information, please contact me.

Thanks!

Dianne Erwin



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