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Subject: Re: Blair family inquiry

I was referred to the Fairfield County Genealogy Society by Rev. Richard B. Hodges of the Salem Presbyterian Church in Fairfield County.

My question is generated by my having discovered that, on Find A Grave, there are only four pages for the name "Andrew Franklin Blair". One of them is my great grandfather, born in Iowa and buried there in the Estes Cemetery in Mills County, near Tabor, Iowa. The other three are all at Salem Presbyterian Church, three generations, the oldest of them born in 1843, location not specified.

The father of the oldest Andrew Franklin Blair at Salem Presbyterian Church was a William Blair. The eldest brother of my great grandfather was named William Blair.

My own branch of the Blairs has never been able to trace our ancestry further back than my great-great grandfather, Thompson Milton Blair, who would only admit to having been "born in Kentucky" in 1815. No parents ever mentioned, or even a specific location in Kentucky. We have long suspected Thompson was adopted, but there could be other reasons for his reticence. For him to have named his first son William and one of his other sons Andrew Franklin, though, seems to me to be a striking coincidence. Especially since both those sons were born in the 1840s, the same decade as the oldest Andrew Franklin Blair buried at Salem Church.

I would appreciate just about any response, even if totally negative. A firm "no connection" would be more information than I have now.

Thanks in advance,

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