

Fonball, Texas 77375
720 W. Barbara
Oct. 6, 1971

Dear Hallie -

It has been a long time since I wrote or have heard from you - however, believe it or not, I think of you often and wonder if you are still teaching or have retired from the profession -

Cy retired from The Humble Oil Company - after 37 years - plus, January 1, 1966, and we are now enjoying being on "our own" - so to speak! It is nice, though, to be able to do what we want to do, and do 'it' when we want to do 'it' or not to do 'it' at all!!! I have learned one thing, though, in this retirement business - the housewife can't retire, as house keeping chores go on as usual - We just rearrange our schedules!!

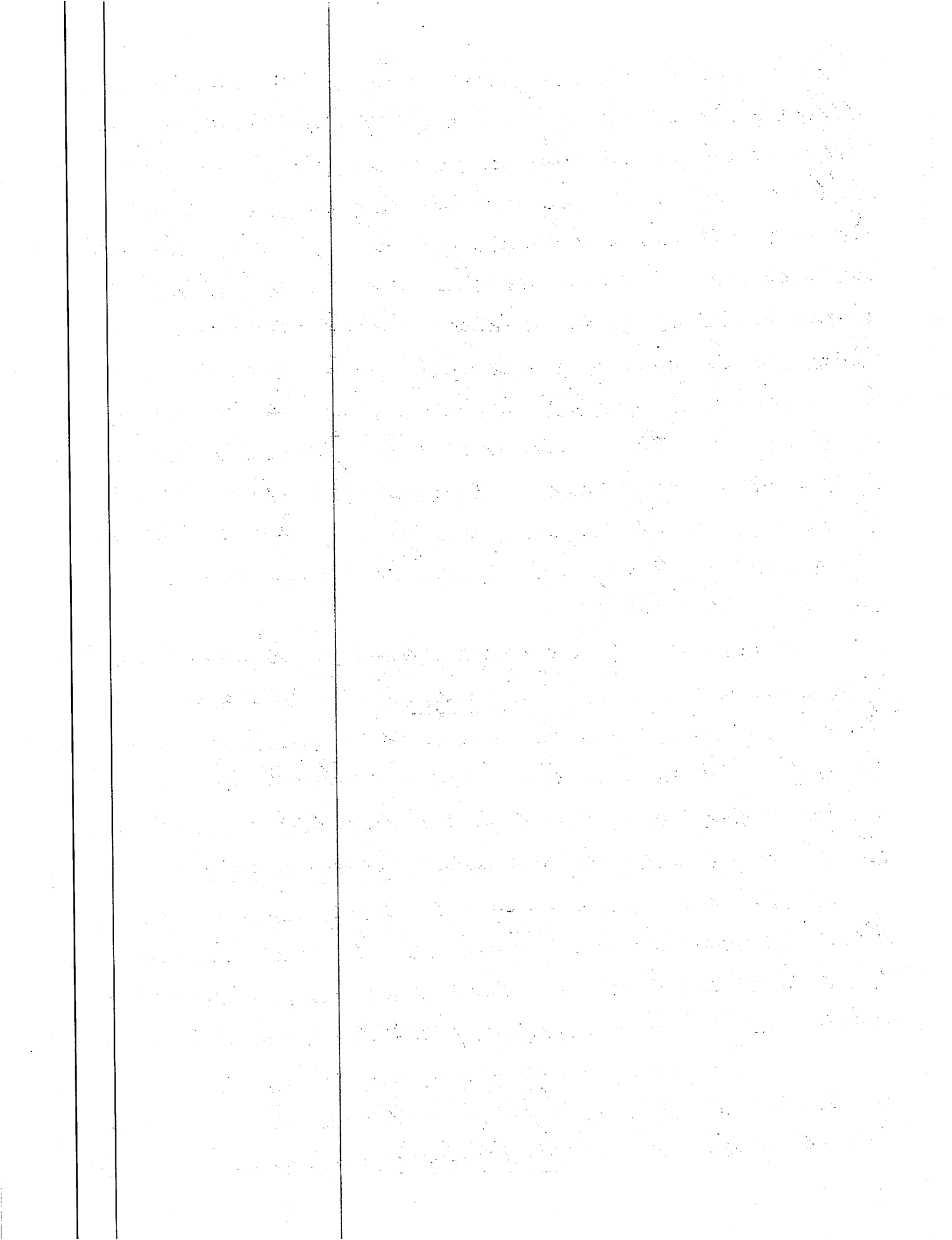
I am still interested in genealogy and have completed most all of my mother's line back to 14th, 15th, 16th centuries - but I am still hard at work on The Blair - McConnel - Huxley - and Jennings families - I am stubbornly determined to finish The Blair - McConnel family line - if I hold out and am around



long enough - In regard to the Blairs - I am con-
vinced that they are not from Va. and per-
haps not from Pennsylvania, but more than
likely entered this country right there in
South Carolina through the Port of Charleston
in the mid 1760s when so many Scotch Irish
came directly from Ireland to America - The
General Assembly of the S.C. Colony was offering
land bounty grants to Protestant Scotch Irish -
and in the 1760s several Blair families entered that
Part - Some of these received grants of land in
Camden District, and as Gen Roper Chester,
Lancaster, Fairfield, ^{Counties} etc - were originally in
Camden District -

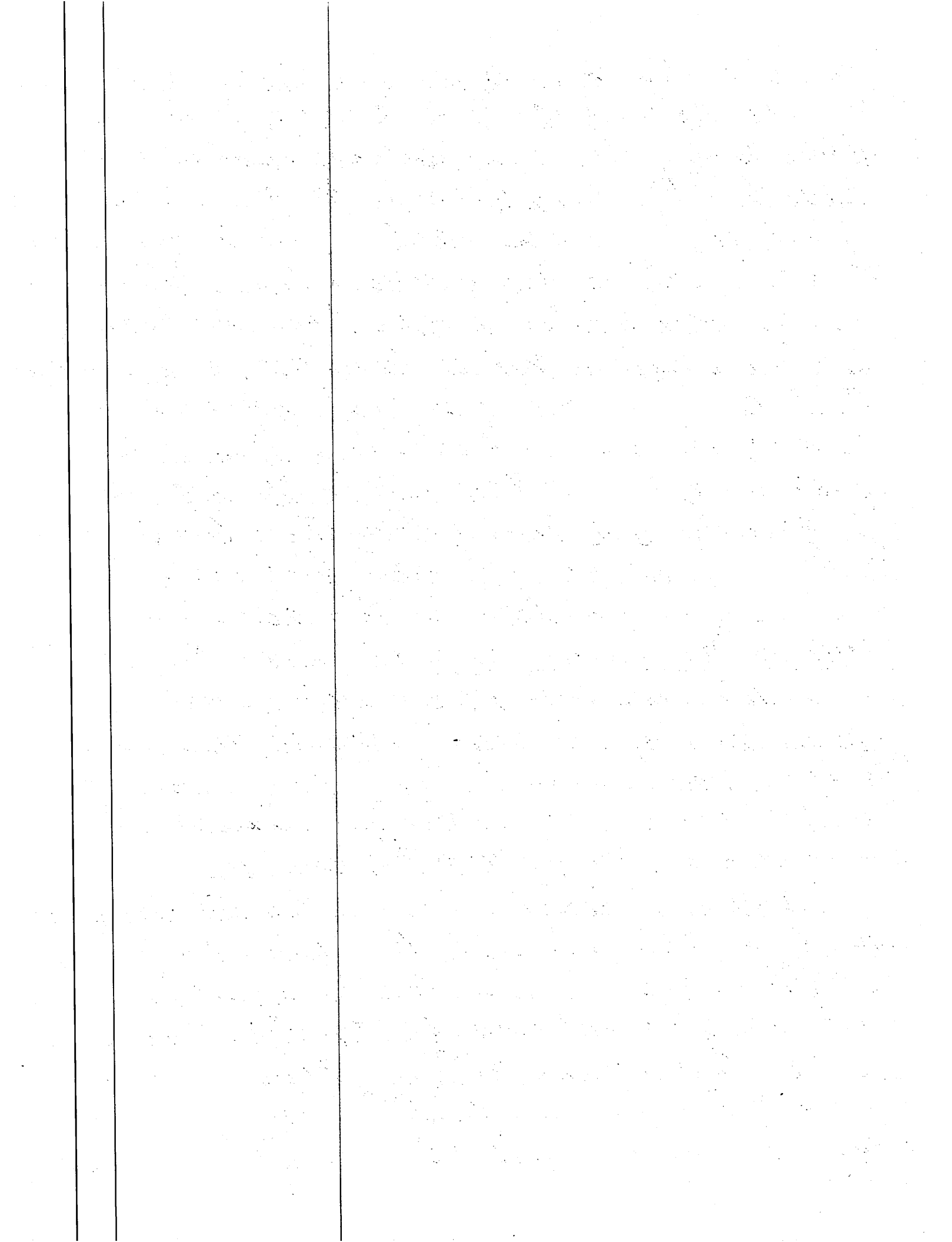
There were several Thomas Blairs in this
general area, ^{at the same time about same age} and I thought I had our Thomas
Blair spotted as being originally of the Chester
Co., S.C. Blairs - There was a Thomas Blair (and
wife Margaret) who filed his will in Chester
Co. in 1795 - He had a son Thomas Blair whom I
thought was probably our ancestor - as he
disappears from Chester Co. Federal Census in
1800, but a Thomas Blair shows up in the
Fairfield Co. 1800 census (not there in 1790 census).

But - (There is always a "but" in genealogical
research, it seems!!) I purchased the National
Society of A.A.R. Patriot Lineage Index which



you it is difficult to prove a line by court records
I think one of the main handicaps in my
Blair family research is the fact that all of us
have had to rely on what older members of the
family say - or have said - i.e. Aunt Mary Blair
Frazier - who was only 4 when Thomas Blair died -
and 78 when she died in 1914 - I have had so many
J.C. Ficks quote a fact as "Aunt Mary said - "Some
times old Ficks memories play tricks on them, I
have regretably found out - Cousin Jennie Frazier
wrote me years ago that my ^{great} grand mother Sara
(Mrs. Connell) Blair was a daughter of Andy (Andrew
McConnell) - according to what his mother had
said - Well, I've learned his name was
William Mc. Connell 1760-1842 (buried at Salem Cemetery
and his wife was Mary Mc. Connell (1779-1844) also buried
at Salem Cemetery - Andrew Mc. Connell was Sarah
(Mrs. Connell) Blair's older brother! I have a copy of
Mary Mc. Connell's will - Miss Julia Fickett ^{of Durham} is also
a descendant of Mary & Wm Mc. Connell -

Mention of The Salem Church Cemetery brings to
mind something else - The Ross Blair buried there
is of the Charles Bury Blair family - Remember
our William's eldest daughter 'Margaret' married
first an Coker and 2nd Charles Blair - The above
Ross is of those Blairs and ^{was} a tenant of our Wm
Blair as was suggested by some family member -



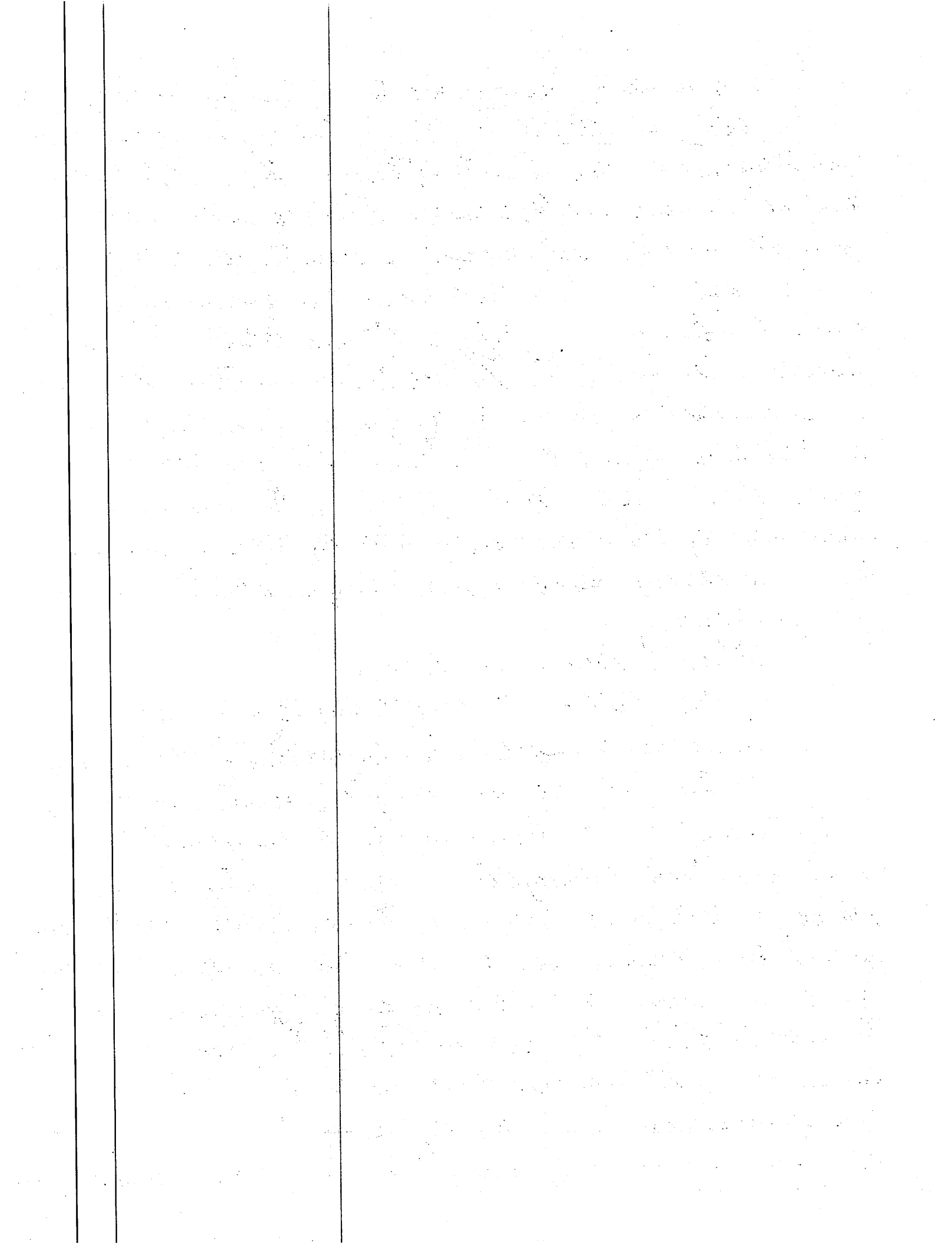
either next door or very close to each other - Too, there is no other William Blair listed in the 1840 census for Fairfield County - This, ^{is} simply bound to be our ancestor - unless, of course, he was not in the Co. in 1840 - I am reasonably sure he was though.

The early records of old Camden District, which was divided up into Fairfield, York, Chester, Lancaster, Kershaw, Sumter, ^{Warehatch} and Richland Counties, there are census and court records for quite a few Mc Cormacks and Sellars - So I doubt that Eleanor Blair "remained in Va." after marrying John Sellars - More than likely she lived in a nearby county in S.C. The 1800 Federal census for Fairfield Co., S.C. shows the following -

Thomas Blair Household

- 1 Male 26-45 years (fits our author. born 1762 - age 38)
- 4 Females aged - to ten years (generally fits his daughters age grouping)
- 1 Female 26-45 years (fits Margaret b. 1764 - age 36)

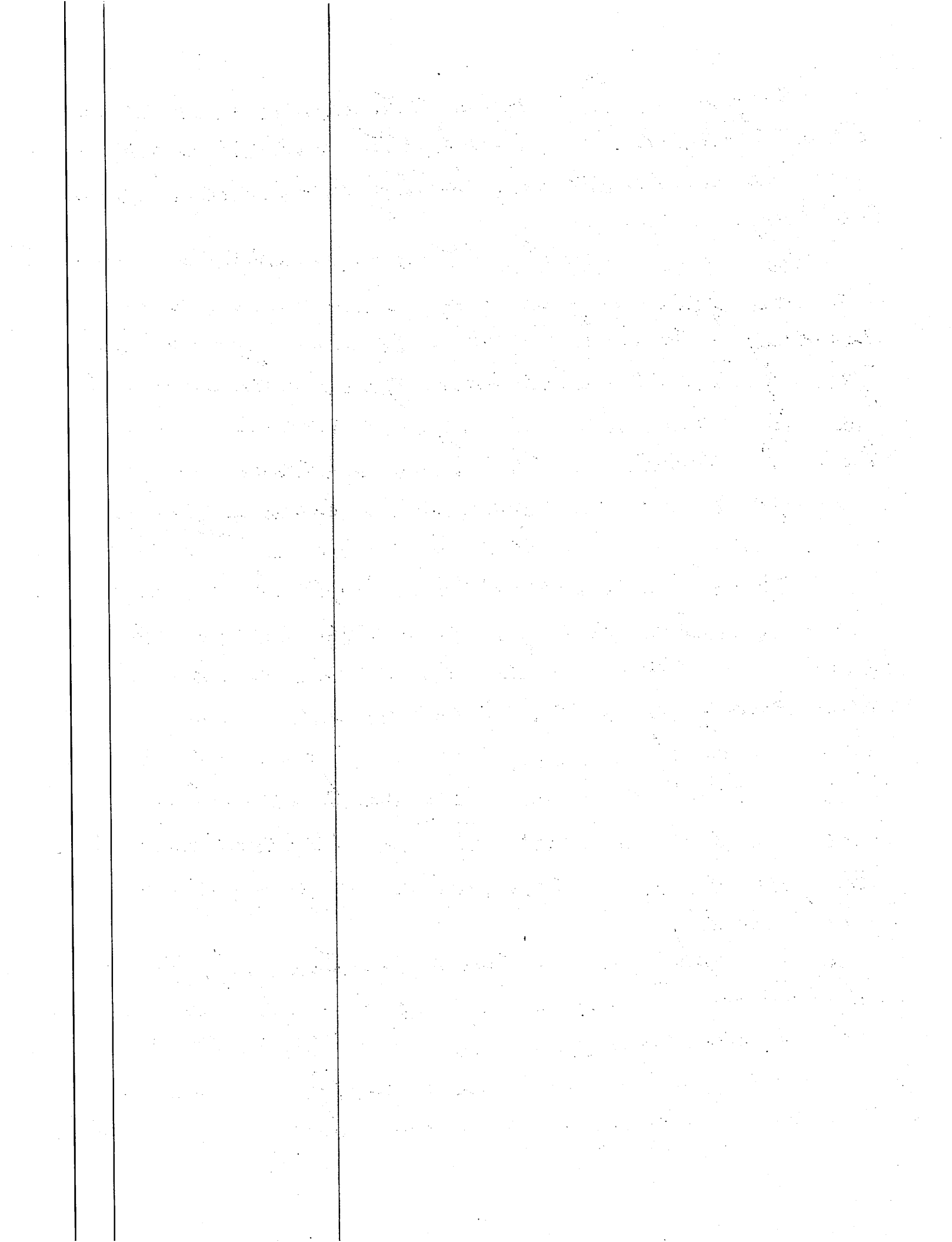
(Note - we have no bible records showing birth dates of Thomas Blair & daughters - except cemetery records for Nancy and Martha - showing Nancy b. 1803 and census record for Martha, listed as 52 in 1850 - making b. 1798 - We can assume that Eleanor and Margaret were the oldest being b. before Martha ^{in 1798} - This of course still leaves one of the above 4 daughters listed in the 1800 census unaccounted for - Could be she died in infancy - etc - It wasn't until 1850 were people



listed by name ^{and} place of birth in the Federal
Census - excepting heads of household - all persons
and females (including heads of households' wives)
listed by age grouping -

Well I suppose that I have rambled on enough
here and you are probably either worn out from
reading - or bored stiff - depending on whether
family tree climbing bore you!! I would like
your opinions, though, if you have the time or
feel like writing - Also, I am enclosing a family
lineage sheet and I would be ever so grateful
if you would fill it out for your Father's branch
of the family - I would also appreciate your
giving me the names and addresses of other
cousins to whom I could write to have their
Blair family group sheet filled in - i.e. Uncle John O.
Blair's family - James Edward Blair - W^m M^c Blair -
Thomas Blair & Andrew Franklin Blair - etc - etc -
It occurred to me recently that I should have done
this years ago - if I am to have a fairly accurate
family history -

I do hope you are not being bothered by your
old asthma troubles - My G^o has chronic bronchial
asthma - and emphysema (spitting?!!) but not too badly
just enough to slow him up - I have a touch of
arthritis in my left shoulder - My eye is catch-



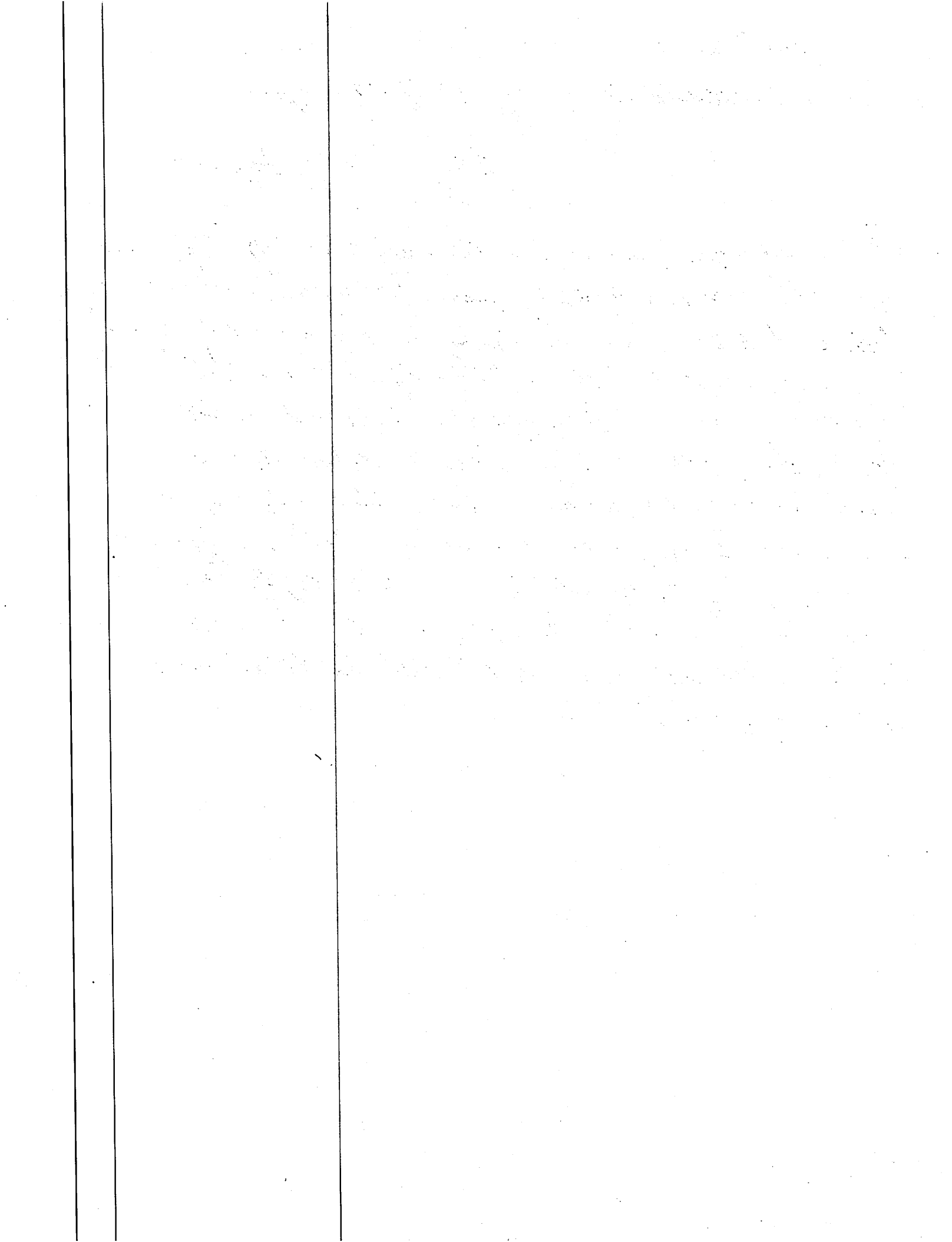
ing up with us -

I would love to hear from you -

Sincerely

Elyahuth J. Shaw

P.S. Do you know the County Clerk of Fairfield Co.? That man really frustrates me - For a long time I have been trying to find out what his fee would be for a copy of Thomas Blair's deed record of 1803 - He keeps my fee (or somebody in his office does) and has never answered my letters of inquiry - I'm still hoping though - This past week, I sent another \$2.00 fee for search and inquired about fee for a copy of that deed record - I am hoping you have another County Clerk in office now and that he will answer my inquiry!!

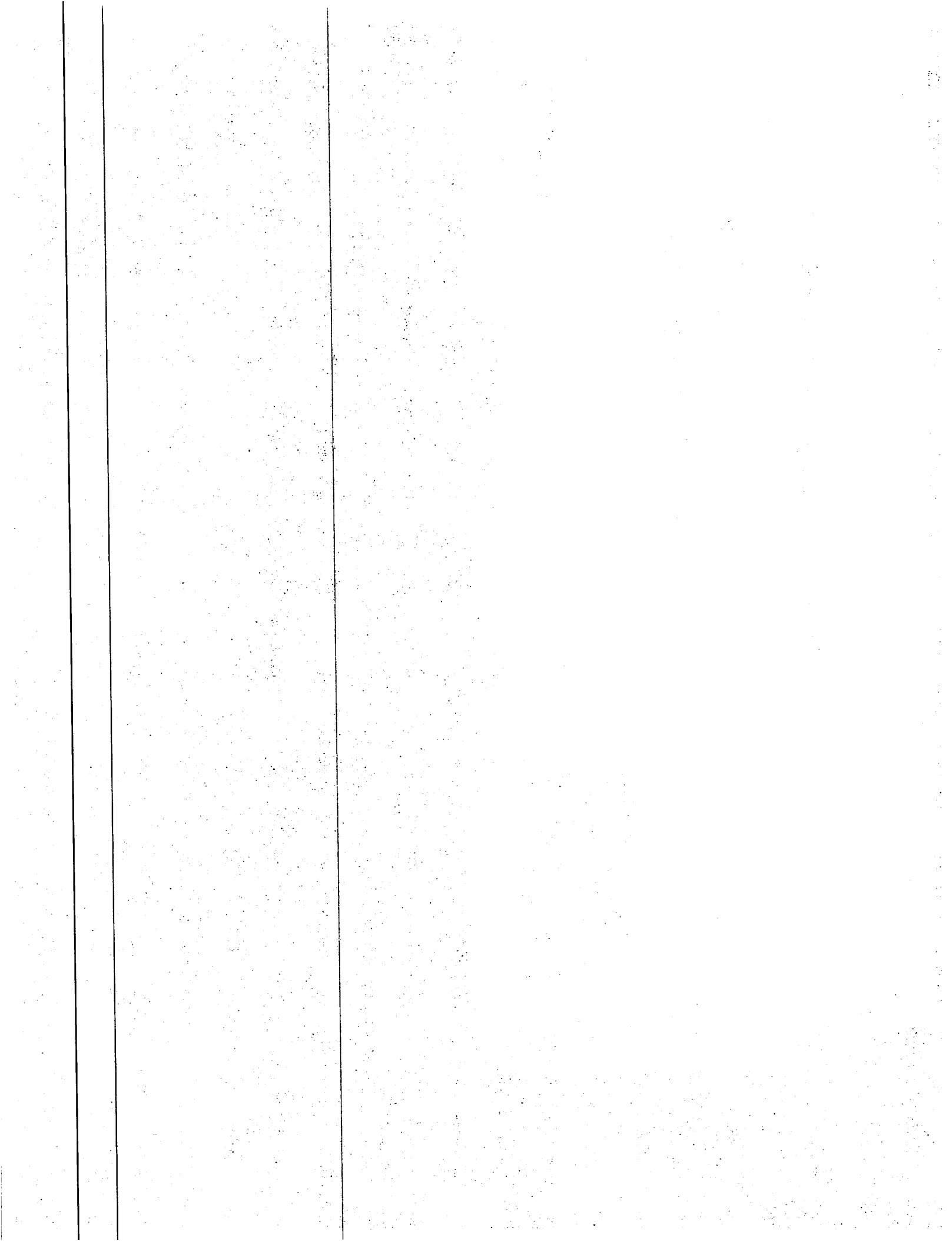


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Miss Hattie Blain
Blain
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29015





Mrs. Cyrus H. Shaw
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Tomball, Texas 77375



*Miss Naomi Blair
Blair
South Carolina 29015*



Jomball, Texas 77375
720 W. Barbara St.
Aug. 10, 1969

Dear Hallie -

I have thought of you often the past few weeks - It has been a long time since we exchanged letters, and I am wondering how the intervening years have dealt with you - I hope and pray well -

My and Cy's lives go on about the same - only, our pace has slowed down somewhat, as we are older - Our family has grown in size - Both daughters are married and have presented us with 3 grandsons and 2 granddaughters ranging in ages from 4 months to 10 years - The pace at our house "picks up" considerably when they make their visits to our house - Cy has retired from Humble Oil Company after 37 years with the company, and we are enjoying being our own boss and doing what we please with our time - when we please -

I am still interested in genealogy and have about completed my mother's lines back to early 1600s - and one back to the Magna Carta - At present I am dragging out all my Blair Family name files, and through the years, I have jotted down much data as I ran across

it - to check at a later date - Well, "later" seems to have arrived and I am again working on our Blair Family ancestry and am trying to determine my course of research -

First I will say this - I have never found a trace of a connecting link between our Blairs and the family of Blairs to which Gen. Frank Blair belongs. His ancestor The Rev. John Blair and a brother The Rev. Samuel Blair came to America in the early ^{1700s} 1800s. They were Presbyterian Ministers and prominent in the educational field - both served at times as President of Princeton College (and helped found it) I have traced all their descendants down past 1962, the year our Thomas was born - and there is no place that he could have fitted in - So, I have corresponded with Blair descendants of these Blairs, and they knew of no S. C. kin and seriously doubt it - and so do I - I suspect that the only thing Gen. Frank Blair and W^m Blair had in common was the fact that both were named "Blair" and Blair was certainly not an uncommon name at that time - I have found they were legion in Pa., Va. and N.C. records - especially Pa. and N.C.

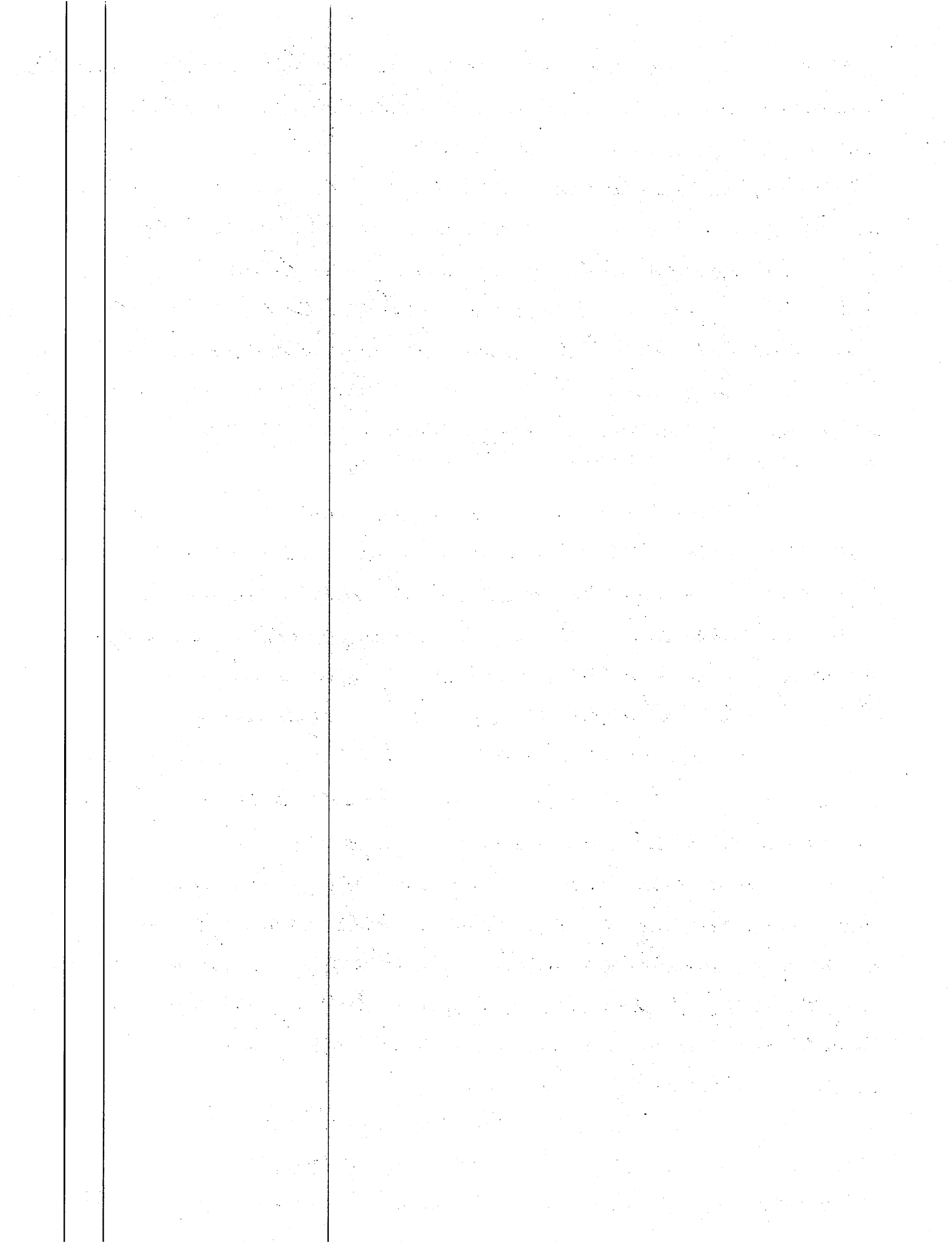
Another thing that I have learned about family traditions and serious research - It is best to discard them, for they can take one on many "goose chases" because each generation that

passer the traditional story on to the next generation usually add a little to the story - or change some supposition to fact - etc. - we only my mother's grandfathers used to tell us about being with Lee when he surrendered to General Grant - My research turns up the fact that he spent the last four months of the Civil War in a Yankee Prison Camp in New Orleans!!! I guess he was too proud to admit to his great grandchildren that the Yankees caught him! - Anyway - being with Lee made a much better story !

I have run across some data that I have in my files which I believe is a worth while clue to trace out in regard to Grandfather Thomas Blair's parents - and I would like your opinion of my clue - which is as follows - and I hope that I won't be too confusing! -

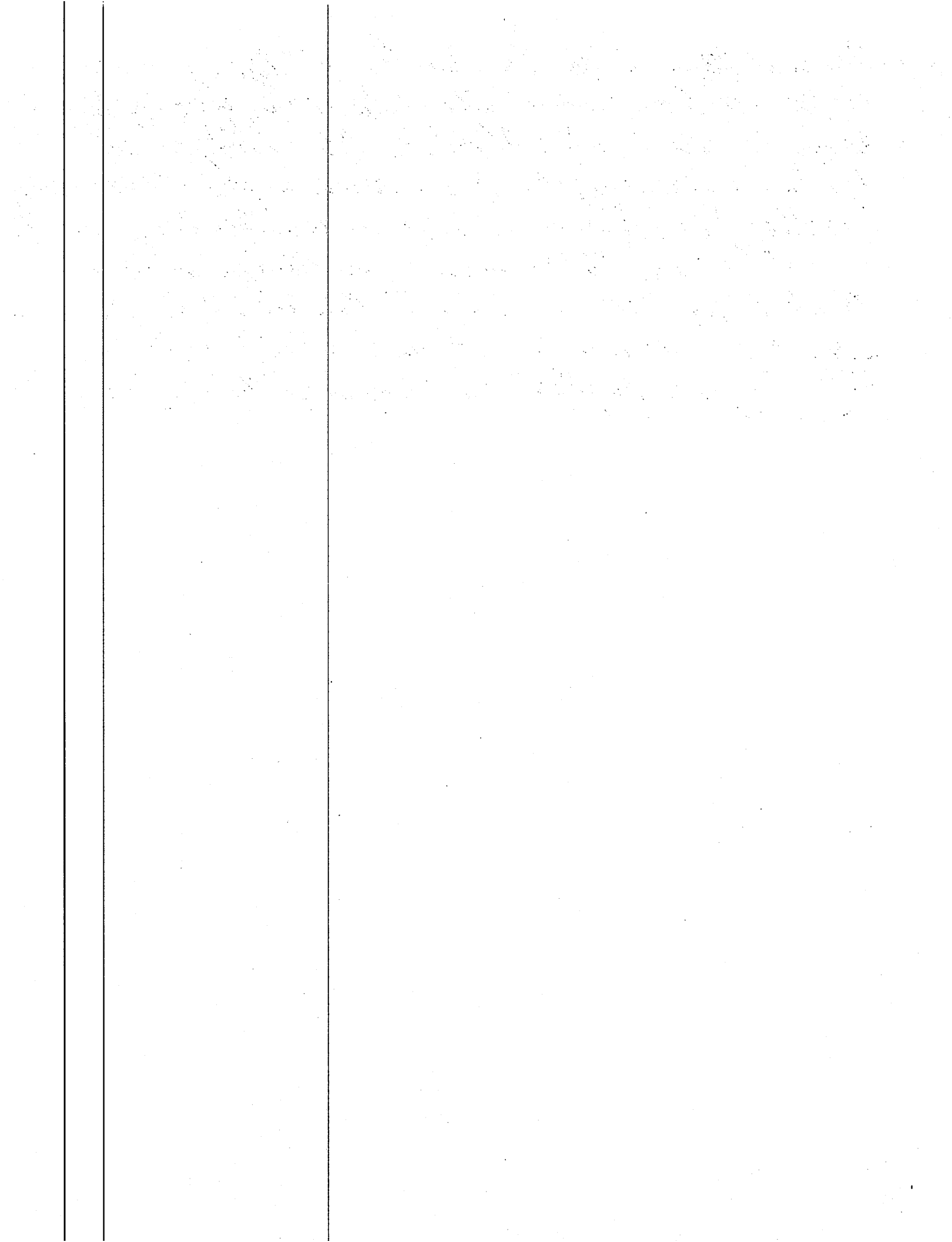
There was a Thomas Blair residing in Chester Co., S.C. who wrote his will in 1795 - naming his wife Margaret, - sons Thomas, W^m, James, John - daughters - Elizabeth and Mary - and I am wondering if the above son could possibly be our Thomas Blair - His son Thomas and W^m were apparently married and not living at home because Thomas, sr. in his will mentions their having plantations -

The 1790 Federal Census of Chester Co. shows the above Blair family - and my census searcher in Newton found that in the 1800



Federal Census for Chester Co., S.C., there are no
Blairs listed as residents of that Co., but in this
same census (1800) a Thomas Blair ~~was~~ found
listed in Fairfield Co., S.C. which adjoins Chester Co.
(no Thos Blair ^{or W^m} appears in 1790 census for Fairfield Co.)

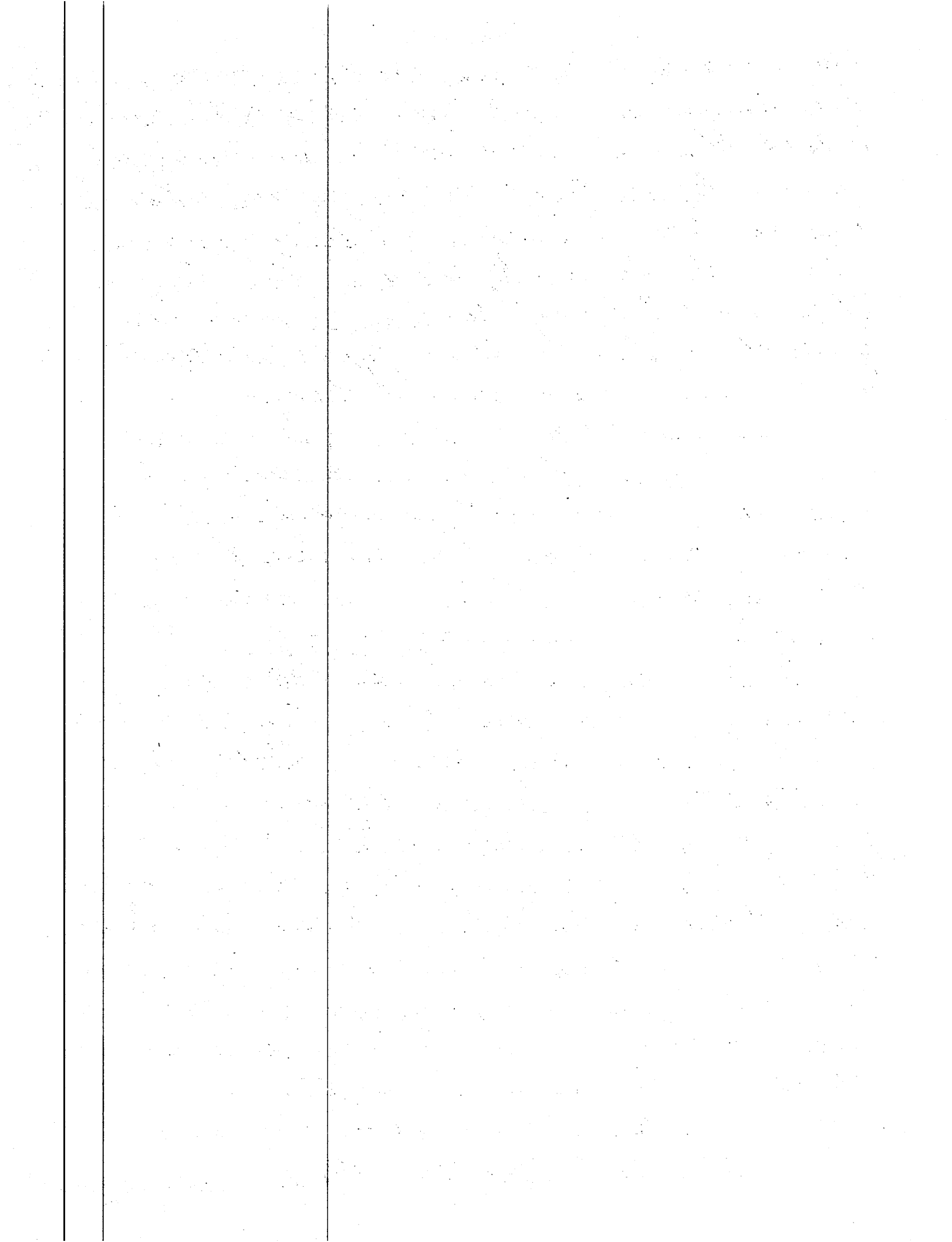
I had the 1850 Census for Fairfield Co., S.C.
checked for Blairs and Mr. Connel ^{or W^m}, of course
was listed, and I found also the family of
W^m M^c Connel listed & you remember he married



land in Chester Co. between the years 1795 and 1803 -
I am assuming until I get a copy of the actual
record that the deed on file in Fairfield Co. for
Thomas Blair dated 1803 is for land bought
around Dawkins where I believe you once
told me he lived. By the way, what happened to
that land? I don't remember seeing mention
of much land in his estate papers - excepting 170
acres sold a man named Brown -

There were several Thomas Blairs in S.C.
about the same time of our ancestor - One
lived in Lancaster Co. and served in the Revolution.
He was b. 1761 - Ireland - After the Rev., he moved
to Maury Co, Tenn. I have his records, and I am
sure not our family - I've corresponded with some of
his descendants -

Another Thomas Blair - aged 38 with his wife
Margaret aged 37 - son James 9, daughter Jane 2 arrived
in S.C. aboard the ship ¹⁷⁶⁷ Britannia in 1767 - He was
granted 250 acres of land in Crauen Co. This could
possibly be the Thomas Blair of Chester Co will of 1795 - as
I believe Chester Co. was a part of old Crauen Co. back
when S.C. was divided into 3 counties - Berkeley,
Crauen and Jolleton - Chester later became a part of Camden
Dist. and Fairfield was originally a part of Crauen -
(So the S.C. Archives were me) Even so, if this Thomas
who came in 1767 is our Thomas' father and the same
as Thomas of Chester Co., where was Thomas Blair b. 1762?
I found deed records for a Thomas and Margaret



Blair in Anderson Co., S.C. in 1790s (ca. 1793-95) - Most likely, they are The Thomas and Margaret who came on the ship Britania in 1767 - I intend to check these out -

Another thing of interest my searcher at the Houston Genealogy Library found for me was the fact there were two Murray families listed in ^{Southern Co. in} the Index to Federal Census of S.C. for 1800 ^(not there in 1790) also a John McCormack - In York Co. next to Chester Co. a Capt. John Sellers is listed - William Elinor ^{Sellers} was probably Thomas Blair's old child and that she probably married a man from neighboring York Co. before her folks moved over to Fairfield Co. from Chester Co. - I have records showing where a number of Blair left ^{Chester and Lancaster Cos.} S.C. and moved to Tenn. - immediately after the Rev ^{and} early 1800s - Both Nancy Sellers and her sister Margaret McCormack could have gone west with a group of relatives - I have learned this is the way most folks came west - with relatives and friends accompanying them in groups - rather than singularly as couples - I am sure travelling was safer that way -

I wrote G. D. Blair, postmaster at Blair, S.C., recently asking him if he could supply me with any McCormack family data, etc. - He wrote me a very nice letter, and I was glad to learn that he is interested, however, he reported that I had all the information that he and The Faucets had -

A number of years ago, a Mrs Eeta Ross of Shelton, S.C. sent me a copy of The Tombston epitaphs

from Salem Church Cemetery - She had copied them for
D.A.R., I believe - I was surely glad to have these
data, etc - She also told me sheuba will see
you for Mary Mc Council dated 1844 at Fairfield Court-
house, which I now have a certified copy of - It mentions
a daughter Sarah Blair, wife of W^m Blair - This Mary
Blair was a widow when she wrote her will - She died
May 29, 1844 - aged 65 - according to the Salem Cemetery
records - Her epitaph reads (according to Mrs Benson's copy
of inscriptions) "Sacred to the memory of Mary Mc Council,
wife of W^m Mc Council who departed this life May 29, 1844,
age 65" - Nearby there is a grave for William Mc Council.
"Sacred to the memory of W^m Mc Council who departed this life on
2nd June 1842, aged 82 years" - Apparently Mary wrote
her will several months after her husband died - Among
her legatees, there is besides, ^{daughter} Sarah Blair, wife of W^m
- daughters - Elizabeth Law, Janie Seymore and Mary Marion
sons William Mc Council (m. Nancy & Martha Blair) and
Andrew Mc Council - Thus it would seem that
Aunt Mary Frazier and Cousin Jemima were confusing
Andrew Mc Council with his father William in re-
gard to Sarah Mc Council Blair's father's name - I
think these Mc Councils originally came from Newberry
Co. as the early records of that County have numerous
mentions of Williams and Andrew - Mc Council - It
would be dignified to set them out -

Well I will bring this "book" to a close, as I have

written much about Blair and have no actual
proof as yet - but I would like your opinion
if you have the time to think of family history
these days -

I hope that it isn't as hot and dry in your
area as it is here - I don't know when we have
had a drier or hotter summer - Thank goodness
for an air conditioned house - It was 102° today -
Cy spends his time sprinkling the lawn and
irrigating shrubs, trees, and flower beds - also pot
plants -

Do write me and in the mean time, I
hope you are having a pleasant summer -

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Shaw

P.S. What do you folks think of our putting two
men on the moon? I think it a wonderful feat
of science and — well, but frankly, the cost
of these ventures which we tax payers pay for,
makes me hope that we are not in for more
and more taxation to finance a trip to Mars -
I'm ready for a lessen up of taxes - I think all of us
have reached the absorption point here -

Motto: "Amo Probas"
(I love the virtuous)

Arms: Argent, on a saltire sable,
nine mascles of the first.

Crest: A stag lodged proper.

BLAIR

Long considered an ancient Scottish name, it is actually Norman in origin.

The Blair family of Scotland have long maintained a prominent position. Among the early patriots was Sir Bryce Blair who fought to free Scotland from English domination.

It was during the Protestant Revolution of 1688 that several branches of the Blair family was established in Ireland and thereafter emigrated to the New World. Among these were William Blair who settled in Massachusetts in 1718, Abraham in New Hampshire in 1719, Robert in Massachusetts in 1720 and Hugh in Pennsylvania in 1798.

Many descendants of this fine old family have distinguished themselves in the development of our country, namely Dr. Archibald Blair, founder and president of William and Mary College in Virginia.

Throughout our nation today can be found members of this family well represented in the world of business and the professions.

Thomas Blain to Thomas Brown
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1806 Wm Blain Bk G - P 130

1817 Eleanor Blain Adam Bk L P 2

1824 Wm Blain Bk 77 P 57

1827 " " Bk H H P 314

1830 Mrs. Blain Bk H H 297²

1803 - Thomas Blain deeded land

from Jas. Andrews

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Andrew McGill, Sr., Husband

Born: 1790

Where: Ireland

Died: Sept. 27, 1845

Nancy McGill, Wife

Born: 1790

Where: Ireland

Died: Oct. 7, 1846

Children of this couple:

John C. McGill

Born: Sept. 13, 1813

Died: Sept. 21, 1840

Margaret McGill

Born: Sept. 1815

Elizabeth McGill

Born: Oct. 31, 1819

Died: Dec. 16, 1859

Married: William Blair

Children: John Davis,
Sarah Jane

Thomas McGill

Born: March 22, 1821

Children: Harriett, Charles,
Martha Eloise

James McGill

Born: March 22, 1821

Married: Harriette Robinson

Children: Maggie, Jane, Elizabeth
Will, Jim, Thomas,
Murray.

William McGill

Born: 1823

Never married.

Andrew McGill

Born: 1825

Children: Herbert, Estelle, Clark.

Samuel McGill

Born: June 18, 18

Never married

Green County Health Department

J. W. MILLER, M. D., HEALTH OFFICER

Greensburg, Kentucky

June 13, 1939

Mr. L. M. Blair
Rion, S. C.

Dear sir:

I was talking to a second cousin of mine yesterday by the name of Waco McKinley, of Campbellsville, Ky. He spoke of you, saying he had met you about two years ago when on a trip south, and had delivered some corn meal to you for sale. Also he said your paternal grandfather had a brother by the name of James Blair.

This James Blair was a great-great grandfather of mine. He was born according to the family history, in North Carolina. He married a woman by the name of Nancy Day, also of North Carolina. They migrated to South Central Kentucky and settled in Russell County. They had the following children that I have a history of: Leftridge Blair, Morgan Blair, William Blair (the maternal grandfather of Waco McKinley, above), Emily Blair, and Burton Blair (my great-great grandfather, on my mothers side). The father of James Blair fought in the Revolutionary War as our records go.

I'm wondering if you have any information further back than James Blair and your grandfather, if you do would appreciate you giving it to me. Also would like to know what other brothers and sisters they had, if you know that. I am greatly interested in my family tree, and have a large amount of information already assembled. If the above is true, about your grandfather Blair and my great-great grandfather, James Blair, being brothers then you and I are fourth cousins. Some relation in spite of it being slight. If I can return any information that you might be interested in, I'll be glad to do so.

Waco McKinley said you greatly favored in the face, my grandfather Blair, who was a grand-son of James Blair.

Lancaster county gave to the world James Blair, who was elected to Congress in 1833 following a sensational attack against John C. Calhoun's nullification policy.

Respectfully,

J. W. Miller
J. W. Miller, M. D.

The Newberry Library · Chicago 10 · Illinois

August 20, 1952

Stanley Pargellis, Librarian
Joseph C. Wolf, Head
Division of Historical Genealogy

Miss Hallie Blair
117 31st Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Miss Blair:

I am sorry to disappoint you in stating that our library, contrary to general understanding, is a reference library only with but a minimum in routine search by members of the staff. In other words, we are not equipped for the exhaustive research in assembling family records. However, in order that you may know the problems involved, I have made this note from the GROWTH OF POPULATION as indicated by the Census of 1790 for the United States, the first and only published census.

Variant spellings of the name: Blair, Blaer, Blaher, Blaire, Blare, Blayer, Blear, Bleher, Bliar.

Persons of these names, and old enough to be heads of families, number as follows in year 1790, and many of these otherwise spelled were probably Blair originally, mis-spelled by clerks, of little schooling, poor hearing, etc.

Maine	5	R. I.	1	Va.	12
N. H.	4	Conn.	1	N.Car.	13
Vt.	5	Pa.	47	S.Car.	19
Mass.	35	Md.	8		

I think this will in measure indicate the problem involved in your inquiry.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Wolf
Joseph C. Wolf, Custodian

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PLEASE HELP
KEEP YOUR
PARKS CLEAN



Miss Hattie Blair

117 31st Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida

JOHN R. BLAIR, M. D.
SUITE 302-303 GRACE AMERICAN BLDG.
4TH AND GRACE STREETS
RICHMOND, VA.

Dear Miss Blair: Am sorry I cannot
at this time give you the information
you desire. I formally had a history
of the family which has been misplaced.
My father was Dr. Jas. S. B. My grandfather
Dr. Wm R. B. At this time am unable to
go beyond this.

My secretary is out at this
time. Hope you may be able to read above.
I am your very truly,
John Blair.

The Rambler

John B. Shirley, conductor of the Three-Quarter Century club chorus, recently called on the Rambler and showed him a walking cane that has an interesting history. In explaining the cane, Mr. Shirley said:

"My wife and I, many years ago, were invited to visit the Duke and Duchess of Atholl at Blair castle in Scotland. When we arrived by train the duke's car and his chauffeur-bodyguard, met and took us to the castle. There we were warmly greeted and had a very pleasant visit. The duke's hobby was making walking sticks and he showed me his collection. He had made all of them. His favorite cane was one with a curved handle that he had made from silver hazelwood. It had a defect in the end that had been bent into a handle. The duke found the wood split but he pegged the parts together tightly with a wooden pin and it was as good as though it had not been defective.

"As we were leaving Blair castle, the duke gave me the cane as a special mark of his esteem. I have had it ever since. I had made a silver band on which was recorded the name of the donor, the date July 31, 1930, and my own name."

Mr. Shirley said that the Atholl were kings in the Isle of Mann but later moved to Scotland. He said that Blair castle

is one of the most famous in Scotland and is very old.

Mr. Shirley, by the way, who is 90 years old, is planning to go to Scotland this summer for a visit to his native land. His age does not deter him from making the long trip as he is still active mentally and physically and often climbs the steep stairway leading to The Independent newsroom and the Rambler's office.

Pedestrians on downtown streets seem to observe no rules and if automobile traffic was operated in the same way people walk on the sidewalks there would be endless confusion and many accidents every few minutes. The Rambler's attention was called to this recently by a friend he met on the street. The friend said to him:

"I wish you would write something in your column about the way people gather in clusters in the middle of the sidewalk, holding visiting sessions, while the crowd walks around them. Then, too, there are those persons who, while walking along Central avenue, suddenly reverse their course without signalling or even looking around. You have to be alert to keep from crashing into them. If they would give hand signals there would be less confusion on the sidewalks."

Downtown sidewalks are so

crowded, these days, that it is difficult to walk even if everybody observes the rules for pedestrians which is to keep to the right in passing.

The Rambler recently had occasion to visit the vocational school on Mirror lake and was surprised to find such a large number of persons getting training there for a wide variety of activities. The big building was a beehive of activity and young men and women are laying there the foundation for work that may make them successful in business life. Scores of those who have finished courses there have been able to get good jobs at once and to prove satisfactory as a result of careful instruction.

Mrs. H. Stevens Lutz and Mrs. Riley Lemons are directors of the home economics department. The Rambler talked to Mrs. Lutz and learned that since Sept. 1, a total of 365 adults, men as well as women, have taken the home economic courses. The students are taught with a view to working in their homes and not to be professionals. Many men take the course, especially in renovating and doing over furniture. On radio station WSUN next Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 will be given a program from the school telling about this particular subject.

Robert S. Allen Reports:

Miss Mallie Blair
Blair
Savannah Carolina

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UNITED STATES



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Mrs. Cyrus H. Shaw
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Oct. 2, 1973

Dear Hattie -

I was so pleased to hear from you, and many thanks for filling out the family group sheet for the Blair family records - I really appreciate your cooperation - I wish all my cousins responded so nicely -

So you have retired - I do hope you are enjoying a leisurely life - I think the nicest thing about retirement is - the fact that one is one's own boss - at long last! I and I have been enjoying his retirement since January 1, 1966 - however it has been my experience to find some things a housewife just can't retire from - i.e., routine housework and preparing the meals!!! Even so, it is nice to be able to do and go as we please -

Our summer was rather hectic what with Jim visiting grand children ranging in ages from 14 years down to 4 years taking turns visiting us - You can believe our usual rather quiet life changed tempo - that confusion

Together with being involved in a Bazaar, Bake, Garage Sale put on by our Genealogy Society and our oldest daughter having major surgery - kept me very busy and I had little time for genealogy until now -

I am placing queries in several Southern Genealogical Publications seeking information on Sevens - Blair and Blair-McCormick descendants - I am hoping one or more of Thomas Blair's daughters' descendants will see the queries and answer them - I will let you know if I find out some new information - I hope to get my material well enough organized in the near future to get it typed -

I am sorry to hear about Nancy Hendrix having an ulcer. I can certainly sympathize with her, for I suffered with ulcers for seven years, and as I look back, it seems like I spent those years going regularly to the hospital for 2 or 3 ^{weeks} ~~days~~ every 4 to 6 months - Finally I underwent surgery after literally living on Cream Soups, ^{cooked} Milk Cream, poached eggs, toast, and baby food for over a year - I'm great now and eat like "eating was going out of style" as my grandson puts it -

anything and everything - I certainly have not missed that half of my stomach that was removed !!

The only thing wrong with me is the fact that I have slowed up in my activities - Guess, it is my age - I still try to do all the things I used to do, and I am beginning to realize & admit. It gratifies me - I was 65 this past July 14 - Of course, I knew my 65th birthday was coming up and had not thought much about it until the Social Security office sent me a letter and informed me I was being put on Medicare and Medicaid - Cy laughed at me when I said that made me feel really like a senior citizen and old - as I thought of Medicare as being for old folks - His grip was - "Well, Grandma what are you?!!"

Thanks again for filling out the family data sheet, and I hope to hear from you again sometime - and rest assured, I'll send you what data I "pick up" and put together -

Sincerely

Elizabeth Shaw

1762
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1792

Blairs, Va.
July 16, 1940.

Miss Hallie Blair
Blair, S. C.

My dear Miss Blair:

You will note that I have tried to secure the information requested by you on reverse side. There are quite a number of Blairs in this section, and many unrelated. In gathering this information I tried to select those who were unrelated, their names with addresses follows:

Walter Blair, Chatham, Va. R. F. D.

J. C. Blair, Blairs, Va.

W. M. Blair, Keeling, Va.

Wade Blair, Danville, Va. R. # 2

I trust this will be of some help to you in locating your ancestors, or rather your relatives.

Respectfully,

Postmaster
Blairs, Va.

By *A. E. Burgess*

Aug 11, 1950

Dear Miss Blair:

very many things have delayed my answering your very interesting letter of May 2nd and thanking you for the additional Blair data. The only thing I have been able to do in the interval is to confirm the fact that in the Blair-Baggaley family lot in the Pittsburgh Allegheny Cemetery is the inscription on the Monument for one - "Nathan Blair - died at Blairsville South Carolina 4/18/1831 in the 18th year of his age".

LAKESIDE
YARDLEY
PENNSYLVANIA

I have had in mind to make one or two suggestions to assist in determining from which state your original Thomas Blair came to South Carolina. Doubtless you have already done these things and I hope you will not be offended at my suggesting them. They are due to the success I have had at the Bucks Co. Court House of Penna. in checking members of the Yardley family through the index of deeds and wills maintained there. I judge that the Fairfield County Court House has the old deeds and wills on file indexed by name just as in this County. I have found that the deeds state where the participants came from. Since Thomas Blair secured land in South Carolina around 1800, it would appear to me there must be an old deed on record. Since Pennsylvania and Carolina were both English Colonies I fancy Court records were the same or very similar. Old wills on record also often give new information of interest. I hope you will not mind these suggestions, but that sometime you will be so kind as



Miss Hattie Blair

2921 First Avenue North

St. Petersburg

Florida

Kindly Forward

Blairs, South Carolina

July 9, 1940

To the Postmaster
of Blairs, Virginia

Dear Sir;

I wonder if you would be so kind as to help me. Many years ago my ancestors came from your vicinity to Blairs, South Carolina. Now we are not certain of the place in Virginia from which they came. We are anxious to contact some Blairs in your section, who you think could help us ascertain this information.

Would you give me the names of some Blairs who you think would be helpful? This kindness would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Hallie Blair

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their daughter,
Francis Clara

to

Mr. W. H. Long,
Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th
at 6.30 o'clock.

At Home.

Philson, South Carolina.