

Written on FindAGrave.com, Thompson Milton Blair

The progenitor of a very large family of descendants all through the USA, Thompson Milton Blair was a farmer all his life. He was among the founders of the original Waubonsie Church, first church of any denomination in Mills County. Born in Kentucky, he moved to Buchanan County, Missouri, where he married Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Linville July 6, 1843. They settled on a farm in Gentry County and eventually had eight children: William Linville, John Roger, Andrew Franklin, Thomas M., Salathael M., Byron Warner, Nancy Rebecca, and Almeda Evelyn.

Thompson and Sarah moved to Mills County, Iowa, in 1852.

Three of Thompson's sons, William, Andrew, and John, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Two of these, William, and Andrew, are interred here at Pleasant Hill/Estes Cemetery. Both died young as a consequence of ailments they developed during their war service. Two other sons, Thomas and Salathael, also are interred here, having died in childhood.

Sarah is interred in Highland Cemetery, Junction City, Kansas, near her daughter Nancy Rebecca.

Thompson Milton Blair is one of the 410 "earliest known ancestors" in the Blair Society for Genealogical Research database.

Written on FindAGrave.com, Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Linville Blair

Wife of Thompson Milton Blair, whom she married July 6, 1843, in Buchanan County, Missouri (Thompson is buried beside four of their six sons in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Mills County, Iowa), Sarah was the daughter of Zachariah Linville and Nancy Cash. Sarah and Thompson moved from Missouri to a farm in Mills County, Iowa, in 1854. The mother of eight children (William Linville, John Roger, Andrew Franklin, Thomas M., Salathael M., Byron Warner, Nancy Rebecca, and Almeda Evelyn), she was living with her daughter Nancy Rebecca Blair Smith (Mrs. George Smith) at the time of her death at the age of 88. Surviving her were four of her children, 23 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.[From her obituary]"In many respects she was a remarkable woman. Strong and rugged in bodily physique, she possessed enormous capabilities for work. To this was conjoined far more than ordinary endowments of good judgment, sound sense, and practical sagacity. Firm in her convictions of truth and duty, she feared the very appearance of evil, and held with unflinching integrity to the principles of righteousness." "Patient and forbearing, affectionate and devoted, gentle and true, constant and consistent, year in and year out, always to be depended on, never to fail; her life was rich with goodness and filled up with a very full measure of deeds of kindness."