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Blair, Earl Murray 1896 CA – 1975 CA



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California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

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Birth Place	California
Death Date	15 Jul 1974
Death Place	Alameda

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BLAIR, in Berkeley, July 15, 1974. Earl Murray Blair. Beloved husband of M. Josephine Blair of Berkeley. Also survived by numerous nieces & nephews in California and Kansas. A native of Placerville, Calif. Aged 78 years. A member of North Congregational Church of Berkeley and the Berkeley City Commons Club. Graveside services will be held at the Placerville Union Cemetery, Thursday July 18, 1974 at 2:00 P.M. The Rev. Harvey Swanson officiating. Inurnment, Placerville Union Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Heart Association or the North Congregational Church of Berkeley. Arrangements by **BERKELEY HILLS CHAPEL**, 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

"Sacramento Bee" Tuesday 16 Jul 1974 p 24

Earl Blair

Graveside services for Earl Murray Blair, 78, who resided in Berkeley 27 years, will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Placerville Union Cemetery.

Rev. Harvey Swanson will officiate.

A native of Placerville, Mr. Blair died here Monday.

A veteran of World War I, he spent 15 years in Sumatra as an executive with the United States Rubber Co.

During World War II he served as a consultant on rubber to the United States Government in Washington, D.C. and South America.

He was a member of the Berkeley City Commons Club, North Congregational Church of Berkeley, was active in the Berkeley Red Cross and the Berkeley Republican Club.

He is survived by his widow, M. Josephine Blair.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Alameda-Contra Costa County Heart Assn. or the North Congregational Church.

Arrangements were handled by Berkeley Hills Chapel.

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Tuesday 16 Jul 1974 p 18

Life:

JUNIOR ENDEAVORERS HOLD MASS MEETING

1822 DELEGATES AT C. E. CONVENTION

(Continued from page five.)

Murtle E. Boyle, Sacramento; Virgil Bunn, Fowler; H. E. Barnes, San Francisco; Earl M. Blair, Placerville; Eleanor Bevan, Chico.

Christian Endeavor member (United Methodist youth group) - "Fresno (CA) Morning Republican" Monday 1 Jul 1912 p 3 & p 5 & p 12

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

OF EL DORADO COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOL FROM MAY 31
TO JUNE 4.

The program for commencement week of the El Dorado County High School, as announced today, will be as follows:

Sunday, May 31st, 8 p. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. S. J. Buck.
Monday, June 1st, 8 p. m.—Mierson cup debate.
Tuesday, June 2d, 2 p. m.—Dedication at High School.
8 p. m.—Junior banquet to seniors, by invitation only.
Wednesday, June 3d, 8 p. m.—Musical entertainment, by High School girls.
Thursday, June 4th, 8 p. m.—High School play.
Friday, June 5th, 10 a. m.—Class day exercises.

8 p. m.—Commencement exercises.

Mierson Cup Debate.

Mierson cup debate, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, at Methodist Church. Subject, "Resolved, That California should have a minimum wage law." Affirmative, Harold Rieber, Robert Carpenter and Gertrude Biggs. Negative, Ralph Arnot, Horace Dormody and Louis Barrette.

The public is invited.

Dedication.

Dedication of fountain and statue, gifts of the classes of 1913 and 1914, Tuesday afternoon, at 2 p. m., at High School building.

Speaker for class of 1913, Henry S. Lyon; speaker for class of 1914, Robert B. Carpenter; speaker for Board of Education, Wm. F. Bray; speaker for school, J. A. Daly.

Musical numbers by Girls' Glee Club. The public is invited.

Musical Entertainment.	
Musical entertainment by High School girls, Wednesday, June 3d, at 8 o'clock, at Methodist Church.	
Following is the program for the commencement exercises, Friday evening, June 5th, at 8 o'clock:	
Selection	Orchestra
Invocation	Rev S. J. Buck
Remarks	Principal
Selection	Orchestra
Salutatory, "Patriotism"	Earl Blair
Selection	Orchestra
Valedictory	Ruth Henson
Selection	Orchestra
Address, "Practical Optimism"	Freeman H. Bloodgood
Selection	Orchestra
Granting of Diplomas	Wm. F. Bray
Following are the list of graduates:	
Regulars—Earl M. Blair, Emily J. Blakely, Robert B. Carpenter, Leola M. Fleming, Oralea L. Hill, Rose L. Larsen, Howard E. Miller, Celia Papini, Edith Patterson, Mary E. Raffetto, B. Harold Rieber, Goldie P. Watkins.	
Commercial—Margaret L. Brown, Lewy W. Carsten, Erma A. Marsh.	

Earl gave the salutatorian address at his El Dorado Community High School commencement – "Mountain Democrat & Placerville (CA) Times" Friday 29 May 1914 p 1

VALLEY STUDENTS GET APPOINTMENTS

Military Honors Bestowed on Superior California Men at State University

(The Bee's Special Service.)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, May 18.—The final announcement of the military appointments of cadet officers for the coming year have been announced by Major Nance, Commandant of the University of California Cadets, and include a generous number of Superior California students.

The Appointments.

Captains—Southall Pfund of Sacramento and Frederick Essig of Sacramento.

Lieutenants—Edmund Ward Andrews of Jackson, Charles Joseph Carey of Sacramento, Evans Ronald Foster of East Auburn.

Sergeants—D Company, Earl Murray Blair of Placerville; G Company, Harold Edgar Bradley of Sacramento; D Company, Robert Lee Brown of Napa; J Company, Leslie Allan Cleary of Lindsay; M Company, Elmo Cartwright Eby of Sacramento; E Company, William Hammond Edmonds of Upper Lake; E Company, Henry Stephen Flock of Sacramento; N Company, Fred William Floodberg of Lakeport; P Company, Charles Lawrence Frost of Healdsburg; P Company, George Marco Hicks of Sacramento; H Company, John Putnam Jackson of Napa Soda Springs; J Company, Carl Elliot Kennedy of Sebastopol; F Company, Charles Kenneth Leggett of Marysville; E Com-

pany, Melville Morris Levy of Stockton; H Company, Roy Elman Lochman of Napa; N Company, John Joyce Loutzenheizer of Grass Valley; O Company, Julius Bell Manthey of Stockton; D Company, John L. Reith of Woodland, Band; E Company, Clyde Seibert of Watsonville; H Company, Roland A. Vandegrift of Chico; L Company, Ford Harrington Burnham of Gridley; M Company, Arthur Reihl Wilson of Oroville.

These appointments are made by the Military Department of the University in recognition of the work of the last two semesters, and are effective for the two terms of the next college year.

"Sacramento (CA) Bee" Thursday 18 May 1916 p 4

Placerville Man Saved

The Bee's Special Service.)

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), February 8.—Earl Blair of this city was among the survivors of the transport Tuscania.

A cablegram from the soldier, received by his sister, Mrs. John H. Harris, here last evening, consisted of one word, "Safe."

Blair was a former student of the University of California, and was born and reared in this county. For years he has worked with his father and brothers in the operation of a sawmill at Fyffe, twelve miles above this city. He enlisted in the Twentieth Engineers several weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blair of Fyffe are his parents, and are now visiting in Southern California.

One of his brothers, A. W. Blair, is now in France with the Twentieth Engineers, and enlisted about two weeks prior to the survivor's enlistment. He was a Forest Ranger here.

"Sacramento Bee" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 9

LIST OF SURVIVORS COMING IN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The list of Tuscania survivors began arriving at the war department today, and is being announced as rapidly as they arrive. It will be impossible to announce the list of those dead until survivors' lists are completed and checked. Among the Californians on the list of survivors thus far received are:

GEORGE CHAVEZ, San Jose.
FRANK CLARK, Templeton.
CHARLES W. COLLINS, San Jose.
CLIFFORD V. HANLEY, Orcut.
DENNIS L. JONES, Lindsay.
HARRY C. SHORT, Mount Hebron.
RAYMOND W. PROSECUS, San Jose.
KARL E. SUNDIN, Arbuckle.

HURLBURT BERRY of Virginia City is the only man listed thus far from Nevada.

JAMES O. BICKFORD, Oakland.
L. W. JOHNSON, Oakland.
J. H. JANETSKY, San Francisco.
EARL LINDSAY, Alameda.
SHERMA McDONALD, Oakland.
WM. W. MADAN, Berkeley.
RAYNO W. PROSECUS, San Jose.
CHAS. H. OSTRANDER, Oakland.
L. C. BRANNAN, Oakland.
B. D. BODWING, Oakland.
M. T. BETTENCOURT, San Jose.
F. J. SUMMER, San Francisco.
GEO. SHARKNACK, Woodland.
C. B. SNELL, Saticoy.
RICH J. HAHN, Oakland.
E. R. ABBOTT, San Francisco.
C. F. GRIFFITH, Fresno.
E. D. BROWNELL, Oakland.
E. T. BOLETSKI, Oakland.
HERBERT L. BURKE, Oakland.
EARL CASTILLO, San Francisco.
WM. C. CEZZA, Los Angeles.
JOS. S. CARZARO, San Luis Obispo.
M. N. DARUTE, San Jose.
EARL M. BLAIR, Placerville.
ERNEST W. GUILHEM, Redwood City.
IRA S. BROWN, Oakland.
JAMES H. CHILDS, Pasadena.
PETER CEVITTA, Richmond.

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 1

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r- ment of the safety of Earl M. Blair
son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blair
ie was recieved here Sunday by his sister
d Mrs. John H. Harris, from the War
n- Department.

"Mountain Democrat & Placerville (CA) Times" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 2

EARL BLAIR AMONG TUSCANIA SURVIVORS

El Dorado Man in Forest Regiment
Sends Cable of Safety to His
Relatives in Placerville

"SAFE," was the text of a cablegram received in Placerville late Thursday from Earl Blair, one of the El Dorado men who enlisted in the 20th Engineers only a few weeks ago and who was aboard the torpedoed Transport Tuscania. The cablegram was sent to his sister, Mrs. John Harris of this city, who immediately relayed it to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blair, who are spending a vacation at Corona, in Southern California.

The enlistment of Earl Blair with the Second Forestry Regiment had not been generally known here. He left to enlist with his brother, Forest Ranger A. W. Blair, but delayed his enlistment until two weeks after the ranger had joined. The latter was reported safe in France over a week ago.

Earl Blair is one of the best known young men of the county, where he has been a resident practically all his life. He was associated with his father and brothers in the operation of a small sawmill near Fyffe, and had been a student of the University of California.

It is believed that Blair was the only man from El Dorado county on the ill fated ship. While a great many men from here have enlisted in the Forestry Regiments, practically every man is reported as safe in France. Earl Blair was probably the last El Dorado county man to enlist in the Forest Regiment.

"Mountain Democrat & Placerville (CA) Times" Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 2

OLD CHUMS MEET ON TUSCANIA.

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), March 7.—Ira F. Brown, who was born here and left the city ten years ago, met one of his classmates in this city, Earl Blair, in the Second Forestry Regiment, and the two were pals on the Tuscania, both of them being rescued.

A letter to Mrs. John H. Harris, sister of Earl Blair, notes that both of the young men are now in a camp at Larne, Ireland.

Ira F. Brown is also at Larne, and the two men expect to leave soon for Scotland and England, to work in the lumber mills. Brown's father conducted a wagon-making establishment here.

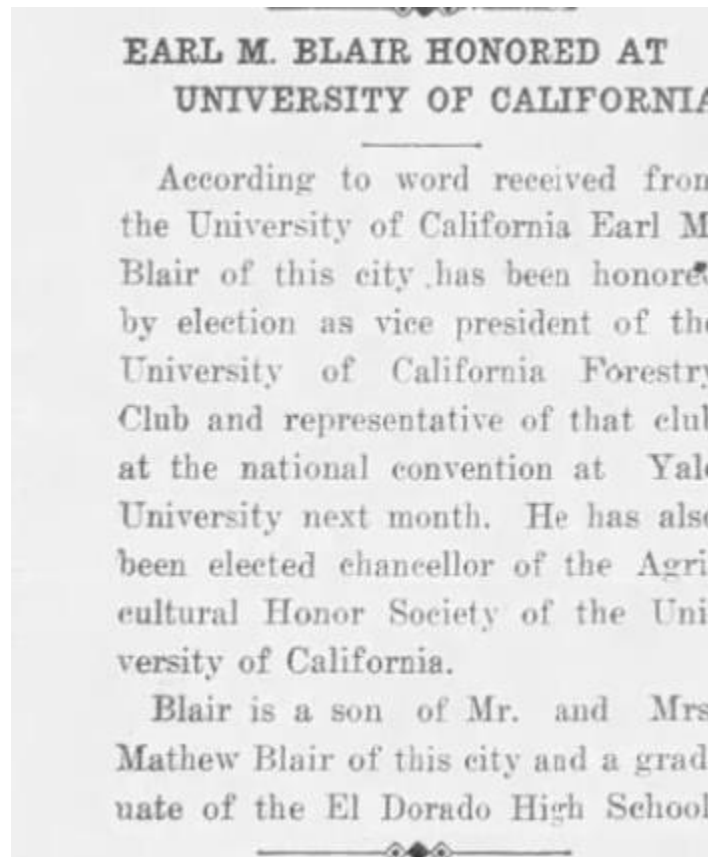
Earl Blair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blair of this city, and was formerly employed as ranger on the National Forest.

Ira F. Brown – Earl Murray Blair - "Sacramento (CA) Bee" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 8 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/616676171/>

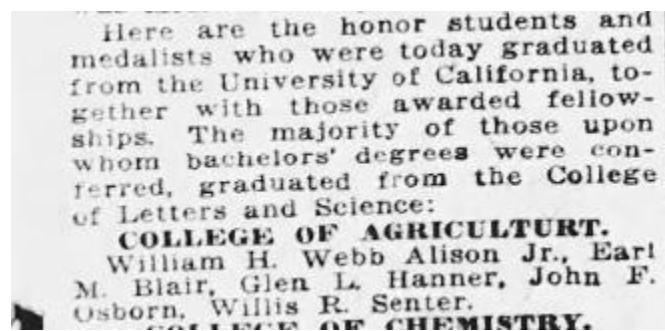
PLACERVILLE LAD WINS HONORS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, January 30.—Earl M. Blair of Placerville, a senior at the University of California, has been elected Vice President of the University of California Forestry Club and representative of that club at the National convention at Yale, to meet next month. Blair was also elected this week Chancellor of the Agricultural Honor Society of the University of California.

[“Sacramento Bee” Friday 30 Jan 1920 p 8](#)



[“Mountain Democrat & Placerville \(CA\) Times” Friday 6 Feb 1920 p 2](#)



[“San Francisco Bulletin” Wednesday 12 May 1920 p 3](#)

MEET NEXT WEEK

Twelfth Annual Pacific Logging Congress to Be Held In San Francisco October 26-29

SAN FRANCISCO, October 21.—Practically every phase of the logging industry will be covered in the discussions at the twelfth annual Pacific Logging Congress to be held here October 26th to 29th. Men from all Western States prominent in the industry are on the program.

Major James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco is to deliver an address of welcome, and President David P. Barrows of the University of California will deliver an address at one of the convention dinners.

Among technical topics to be discussed at the group sections are "Utilizing Flumes for Handling Timber," "A Standard System of Management of Mill Houses," "Fighting Western Pine Beetles," "Logging Steep Ground With Inclines," "Logging With Motor Trucks in California Pine District," "Camp Building," "Intensified Railroad Construction Versus Donkey Hauls."

Speakers and delegates who will

Speakers and delegates who will take part in discussions include: J. N. Miller, North Fork, Cal.; W. W. Peed, Samoa, Cal.; M. D. Gray, Jr., Fort Bragg, Cal.; R. C. Richardson, Scotia, Cal.; A. M. Mortenson, Graceland, Cal.; Frank J. Solinski, Jr., San Francisco; Paul G. Redington, District Forester, San Francisco; Charles Murphy, Weed, Cal.; George Englesby, Arcata, Cal.; S. M. Bump, Susanville, Cal.; E. A. Sinclair, Glen Blair, Cal.; Fred W. Stickney, Casper, Cal.; James Danaher, Jr., Camino, Cal.; Elmer F. Hall, McCloud, Cal.; George W. Johnson, Tuolumne, Cal.; D. H. Steinmetz, Standard, Cal.; Frank Thatcher, Ster-

ling City, Cal.; Frank Fisher, Westwood, Cal.; Charles Murphy, Weed, Cal.; J. C. Johnson, Klamath Falls, Ore.; George W. Wolfe, Oroville, Cal.; E. M. Blair, Weed, Cal.; H. W. Jackson, Korb, Cal.; T. W. Hine, Eureka, Cal., and Paul M. Dimmick, Albion, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smith enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Smith's brother, E. M. Blair of Weed, California. Mr. Blair was accompanied by his bride, their wedding having been a Christmas event and the trip south was a part of their wedding tour. While here they enjoyed many trips about Southern California, visiting Pasadena on New Year's where they witnessed the Rose tournament in company with Professor and Mrs. Smith and Professor John L. Spikes,

Earl on honeymoon with Amy Horn visits sister Belle Blair Smith – “Redondo (CA) Reflex”
Friday 13 Jan 1922 p 7

MRS. EARL M. BLAIR has joined her husband at Weed, Siskiyou County, after spending the Winter with her mother, **HRS. MAUDE A. HORN**, at Georgetown.

“Sacramento Bee” Saturday 17 Jun 1922 p 19

Mrs. E. M. Blair left Sunday to visit her mother and sisters for a short period, after which she will accompany her husband to the island of Sumatra, where Mr. Blair will assume a responsible position with the United States Rubber Company.

Amy Horn Blair moves to Sumatra with Earl – “Siskiyou Daily News” (Yreka CA) Thursday 10
May 1923 p 6

E. M. Blair, assistant chief engineer, left last Sunday to enjoy a short visit in San Francisco, from which place he and his wife will sail on May 31 for the island of Sumatra, where Mr. Blair will assume his new duties as chief forester for the United States Rubber Company.

"Siskiyou Daily News" (Yreka CA) Thursday 24 May 1923 p 6

E. M. BLAIR, who has been assistant civil engineer of the Weed Lumber Company at Tennant, with **MRS. BLAIR**, has gone to San Francisco for a short visit, prior to leaving for Sumatra, where he has accepted a position with a rubber company.

"Sacramento Bee" Tuesday 29 May 1923 p 7

PLACERVILLE MAN TO TAKE JOB IN SUMATRA

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), May 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Blair, who have been with the Weed Lumber Company at Tennant, Siskiyou County, for the past year or two, leave this week from San Francisco for Sumatra, Dutch East Indies, where Blair will be employed as a forestry engineer for a rubber company.

Blair is a Placerville man, and his wife was Amy Horn of Georgetown, El Dorado County.

"Sacramento Bee" Thursday 31 May 1923 p 8

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Mrs. Earl M. Blair, whose home is in Sumatra, Dutch East Indies, was a visitor in Susanville last Sunday.

"Lassen Advocate" (Susanville CA) Friday 29 Jul 1927 p 10

Comes a Long Way To See Card-Bear Game

The California-Stanford "Big Game", perhaps the biggest drawing card in the football world, brought one man half way around the world. He is Earl M. Blair, a graduate of the University of California in the class of 1920 and an inspector of rubber plantations for an American rubber company in Sumatra. Blair ordered his tickets for the "Big Game" last February and called for them the morning of the game.

["Peninsula Times Tribune" \(Palo Alto CA\) Friday 25 Nov 1927 p 11](#)

Other arrivals at the hotels include:

Hotel Sacramento—Miss Katherine R. H. Flood, Newton, Mass.; E. M. Blair, Placerville; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McDonald, Auburn; M. T. Gill, Valley Springs; W. C. Weeks, Colusa; B. C. Williams, Cleveland; A. V. Munro, Eureka; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Menner, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dougherty, Oroville; J. B. Garson, W. J. Bartosh, Glendale; El. H. Padan, Vacaville; Lydia McDonald, Mary McDonald, Grass Valley.

Staying at a San Francisco hotel in 1927 – ["Sacramento Bee" Monday 12 Dec 1927 p 20](#)

E. V. Morgansen, Pasadena, Arthur J. Zerbe, Los Angeles, C. H. Dailey, Los Angeles, E. M. Blair, Placerville and Ray O. Carnell are registered at the Carquinez hotel.

"Richmond (CA) Independent" Saturday 11 Feb 1928 p 1

SUMATRA TO THE U. S.

Earl M. Blair of the United States Rubber company, decked this morning on the freighter, "Hoegh" at San Pedro where his sister, Mrs. L. D. Smith of 14942 Wyandotte street met him. Her brother has been stationed in Sumatra, Dutch East Indies for the past 13 years. It has been four years since Blair's last visit. He will remain in Van Nuys a week.

"Van Nuys (CA) News & Valley Green Sheet" Thursday 3 Nov 1938 p 2

El Dorado Rationing Board Will Meet

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), Jan. 7.—The rubber rationing board sworn in for El Dorado County includes Joseph C. Beach, chairman, Earl M. Blair and Mrs. Ethel Wicks. Alternates are Swift Berry, Chalmers G. Price, Irene Schieber and Reba Sinclair.

The board appointed George t Faugstad, inspector, who accepted his appointment temporarily.

"Sacramento Bee" Wednesday 7 Jan 1942 p 8

Government Officials Here For Survey on Guayule

Specialists Prepare to Take Over Facilities

HEADED by Maj. Evan Kelley, United States forestry service executive who arrived here this week from his Missoula, Mont., headquarters, a staff of specialists of the department is engaged in making surveys and inventories preparatory to the expected government production program of rubber from the guayule bush.

The forestry officials, pending the signing by President Roosevelt of the bill which has been passed by both the house and senate and expected purchase of the American Rubber Producers plant, are making tentative examinations of land for nursery plots and guayule growing and studying the production and manufacturing technique of the factory.

Nucleus of Staff

Major Kelley explained that his group is the nucleus of a government staff and is doing the preliminary work to eliminate any delays when orders are given to "go ahead."

Making the inventory are M. M. Barnum, J. T. Irvine, Fred Bullock, John Serex, John Edwards, C. W. Carson, Ray Huber and Eugene Silva of the forestry service. L. S. Gross, who was in charge of forestry planting under Major Kelley in Montana, is sched-

uled to arrive during the week-end to be in direct charge of guayule planting, while Paul Roberts will act as the major's administrative assistant. He comes from the forestry service's shelter belt project in Nebraska with his staff.

Other Members

O. C. Bradeen, purchasing agent from Missoula, will have charge of necessary supplies and will bring a clerical staff, while Paul Brown will be in charge of motor equipment and its supply and upkeep. Also on the staff is Earl M. Blair, of Placerville, specialist in rubber production, who made preliminary surveys of the guayule situation in the Salinas valley.

Major Kelley explained that all positions in connection with the work here, except those for common labor, would be filled through the civil service commission.

Other details are not available now, he said, since future plans are predicated upon governmental legislation and negotiations with the rubber company.

"The Californian" (Salinas CA) Saturday 14 Feb 1942 p 1

ity Center at 1002 University Ave. This is two blocks west of the corner of University and San Pablo Aves. in Berkeley.

The Amigos was organized by the advanced students of Spanish who attend the classes of Mrs. Elena Duffy in the Berkeley Evening High School, and is designed to give further opportunities for conversation to persons interested in this as well as a chance to make friends with their Latin-American neighbors. The programs are in Spanish, and are followed by a social hour of conversation (also in

student at the University of California, will tell about the history, customs, and present troubled political conditions of his very small and very much headlined country. He will bring with him his six-piece orchestra, the members of which are all Central Americans now attending the University. Mrs. Elvira (Brennes) Rose and her brother Hank Brennes, who have won many prizes for their interpretations of the rumba will demonstrate the "punto guanacasteco," a Costa Rican national dance. Mrs. Frances G. Lozier will be ready to g

Earl's wife Marguerite - "Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Monday 29 Mar 1948 p 7

Panamerican Friends Organize New Club

New Group Will Speak Spanish

Amigos Panamericanos (Pan-american friends), newly organized club for Spanish speaking people from both sides of the border, will hold the third meeting of its month's existence on Wednesday evening at 8 in the second story of the Mobilized Women's Commu-

Spanish), singing, games and at times dancing. Refreshments are always served.

The club is open to all Spanish-speaking people of Anglo-American, Latin-American, or any other origin. The chief qualification for membership is some knowledge of Spanish, according to H. R. Dukatz, treasurer.

At the meeting next Wednesday, Alvaro Sanabria of Costa Rica, a

play the popular Spanish American songs for community singing, while Mrs. Antonia Lux will take charge of the refreshments, assisted by the competent dish-washing committee of Mrs. Vera Moffett and E. M. Blair.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend. Full information can be obtained from Mrs. Elena Duffy, 1253 Francisco St., phone Landscape 6-7294.

Besides the films there will be a short comedy, "La Mania de la Conjugacion," directed by Anne Bertrand. Mrs. Bertrand has been active in little theater groups on both sides of the Bay and is now devoting a large part of her time to the study of Spanish. The parts of the two men in the play will be taken by Julian Saldivar and Earl M. Blair. Mrs. Bertrand will also read some Spanish poems.

Grace Gonick will bring some of the pupils from Washington School (Oakland) evening classes to demonstrate Latin dances, and with Betty Cummings, she will teach the entire group to do the "Mexican mixer." The program will close with conversation, refreshments and social dancing.

Amigos Panamericanos is open to all persons who can speak some Spanish. Full information may be had from the president, Mrs. Mercedes Nurra, of 819 Fortieth St., Oakland, phone Piedmont 5-8727R.

Travel in Mexico Is Topic for Club

Traveling in Mexico will be the theme of the next meeting of the Spanish speaking Amigos Panamericanos on Friday evening, Nov. 26, at 8 o'clock in James Kenney Clubhouse at Eighth and Delaware Sts.

"As the exchange rate becomes more and more favorable for the dollar, a greater number of North Americans are seeking diversion and adventure in the country of our southern neighbors," according to Maria Diaz, who will point out the numerous attractions which Mexico, the "land of contrasts," has for the tourist.

Vernon Gallichotte will show colored slides which he took along the Pan American Highway when he went to Mexico last year. E. M. Blair, Gavien McCullagh and Melida Brennes will also give brief resumes of their recent trips to "Manana Land."

Vera Moffett, internationally known dancer, will demonstrate Mexican dances which she learned in her studies in Mexico City this summer. Some of the more complicated folk-dances will be shown by her pupils. The Central American folkdance, "El Coyote," was so popular at the last meeting that President Mercedes Nurra has promised to repeat it and also to instruct the group in a new mixer. The meeting will be followed by refreshments and ball-room dancing. Full information may be had from Mrs. Mercedes Nurra, 819 40th St., Oakland, phone Piedmont 5-8727 R.

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Saturday 20 Nov 1948 p 7

Panamericanos Meet Friday

The regular semi-monthly meeting of Los Amigos Panamericanos will be held Friday night at 8 at the James Kenney Clubhouse, Eighth and Delaware Sts., Berkeley.

A film on Central America, produced by the United Fruit Co., will be shown. Miss Alice Dakin, accompanied by Mrs. R. C. Smith at the piano, will sing a group of Spanish songs, followed by a dance by Misses Virginia Becerra, Henrietta Corral and Cloria Corral. After the program, there will be dancing and refreshments.

All persons interested in Spanish are cordially invited to attend. For further information concerning the club, contact E. M. Blair, president.

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Wednesday 11 May 1949 p 9

Los Amigos Will View SA Pictures

Colorful Peru and Ecuador will be the points of interest at the regular meeting of Los Amigos Panamericanos tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The program and business session is scheduled to take place at the Mobilized Women's Recreation Center, at University Ave. and Tenth St.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony L. Watchers will show priceless colored slides of scenes in historic Cuzco, the Peruvian city badly ravaged in recent earthquakes. They will also present numerous views of the ancient city of Lima and ruins of Machu-Pichu, as well as pictures of the magnificent churches of Ecuador, many of which were destroyed in the earthquake of 1949. Following the pictures, music of the natives of that region, such as the "Huainos," typical of the mountain areas, and the "La Marinera," music of the coastal inhabitants, will be played.

A short comedy-skit, titled, "I Want to Be a Soldier," will be presented by Earl M. Blair and Julian Saldivar. Mrs. Mercedes Nurra will direct the skit, which features all-Spanish dialogue.

A. F. Paquette, president, extends an invitation to all interested in the Spanish language to attend the meetings. Los Amigos meet every second and fourth Friday of every month.

"Berkeley Gazette" Thursday 13 Jul 1950 p 8

There are many meeting notices in the "Berkeley Gazette" – only some are copied here

Panamericans to Observe Flag Day

The Amigos Panamericanos (Pan American Friends) will observe Flag Day at a meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the West Berkeley YMCA, 2009 Tenth St. The program to be given entirely in Spanish will be devoted to a study of the flags of the 21 republics which comprise the Pan American Union. A brief history and the significance of the design of each flag will be explained by the various members. Taking part will be Charles Ryan, Maria de Cuomo, Vera Moffett, Marina York, Marguerite Schuknecht, Mercedes Sharpe, Vernon Gallichotte, Gaven McCullagh, Helen Johnson, E. M. Blair, Grace Peltier and Willard Whiting.

Pancha Lozier, whose specialty is Latin American music, will play a medley of the national anthems of the 21 nations, at which time there will be a presentation of all the flags. There will also be songs by Dolores Rasmussen and Miguel Angelo Romero, accompanied by Mrs. Lozier at the piano. Juan Rios and Rosa Rodriguez will demonstrate the "Samba" and "Rhumba" as they are done south of the border.

The program will be followed by a social hour of Spanish conversation, refreshments and ballroom dancing. Membership is open to all persons who have some knowledge of Spanish. Full information may be had from the president, Mrs. Elena Duffy, 1253 Francisco St.; phone Landscape 6-7294.

"Berkeley (CA) Gazette" Monday 7 Jun 1948 p 7

Pan-American Friends Will Honor Peru

The Amigos Panamericanos (Pan American Friends) will hold a meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the West Berkeley YMCA at 2009 Tenth St. As usual the program will be entirely in Spanish. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

The program will honor Peru, stronghold of the old pre-Columbian Inca civilization. Alfonso Ganoza, the vice-consul, will tell something of the history and scenic beauties of his mountainous country. Mrs. Grace Peltier, who lived the first six years of her life in Peru, will outline the trip she made to her native land last year, and will illustrate her talk with some of the souvenirs she collected.

There will be two sound motion pictures furnished by the Office of Inter-American Affairs which will illustrate the wonders of Peru. They are "Lima," which will show "the beauties of the City of Kings, the colonial capital of the Spanish empire in the Western Hemisphere," and "Heart of the Inca Empire," which is an educational study of the ruins of the famous Inca city of Machu Picchu.

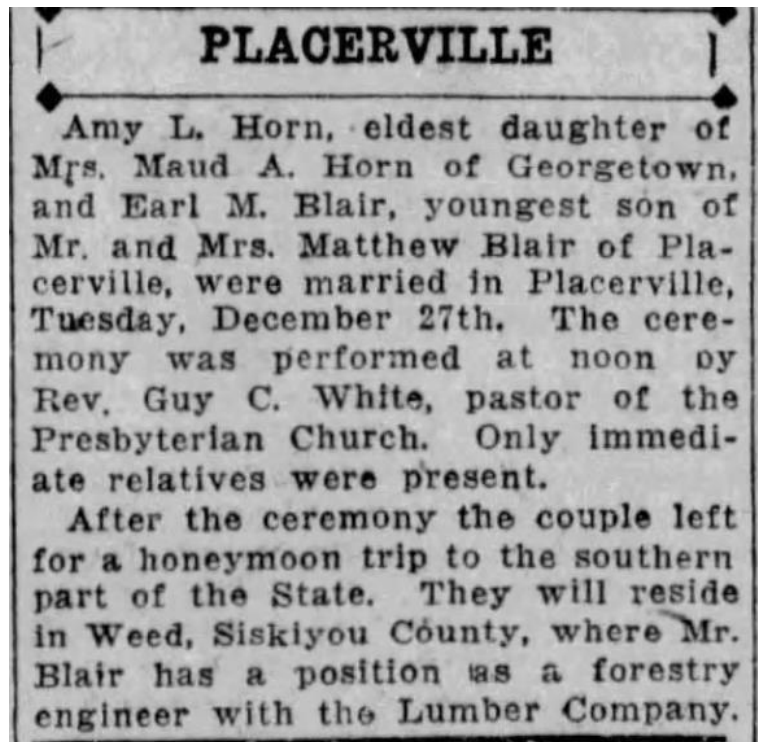
The program will close with refreshments and social dancing. Membership is open to all persons who can speak some Spanish. Full information may be obtained from the vice president, E. M. Blair of 617 Santa Rosa Ave., Landscape 5-4286.

Movies and Dance To Feature Program Of Panamericanos

The Spanish-speaking Amigos Panamericanos will have an opportunity to see colored moving-pictures of Argentina and Brazil at their next meeting on Friday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. in James Kenney Clubhouse, Eighth and Delaware Sts.

The pictures were taken by E. F. Revaleon during his various trips to South America. Revaleon is employed by the Southern Pacific Co. and his knowledge of Spanish is so excellent that he was the supervisor of Mexican labor for that company during the war. The films include scenes from Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, said to be two of the most modern and expertly planned cities in all the Americas.

Wife Amy Louise Horn



Marriage to 1st wife Amy Louise Horn on 27 Dec 1921 – “Sacramento (CA) Bee” Saturday 31 Dec 1921 p 18

HAPPY COUPLE MARRIED

HERE THIS MORNING

Mr. Earl M. Blair and Miss Amy Horn were married at the courthouse in Placerville this morning, the Rev. Guy White, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performing the ceremony. It was a hurry call that Mr. White received this forenoon, as it was nearly eleven o'clock when he was finally located by telephone, and he had to hurry from his home on the ranch and perform the ceremony in time for the bride and groom to take the twelve o'clock stage for Sacramento. After the ceremony they started on their honeymoon trip, which will take them to Los Angeles and Pasadena for a ten days visit.

Upon their return they will proceed to Weed, where the groom is forestry engineer for the Weed Lumber Company, and they will make their home in that town in the near future.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blair of this county, and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Maude Horn of Georgetown.

The romance which ended in the marriage of Miss Horn and Mr. Blair commenced at the time Miss Horn was attending the high school in this city. She completed her high school course in Auburn, but her first high school days were spent in Placerville. The groom is a graduate of the University of California.

A host of friends wish them happiness and prosperity.

"Mountain Democrat & Placerville (CA) Times" Friday 30 Dec 1921 p 3

GEORGETOWN

A dancing party was given at the Horn home on the evening of June 1st, for Mrs. Earl M. Blair, who left this week for her new home near Weed, Siskiyou County. The affair took place on Mrs. Blair's birthday, and a large birthday cake, with the necessary number of candles, was one of the features of the refreshment table. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Bert M. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Devore, Mr. and Mrs. George Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Young, Miss Kathleen Flynn, Miss Margaret Murphy of Auburn, Miss Peggy Buck of San Francisco, Leo Flynn, Joe Morgan, Mrs. Maude A. Horn, Mrs. Earl M. Blair, Hulbert Horn.

"Sacramento Bee" Saturday 10 Jun 1922 p 19



8 Jan 1934 - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101813446/person/142538772131/media/f22b5e3f-91b3-4100-aeb5-1b389ce62cb6>

Amy Louise Drysdale

At her request, no services will be held for Amy Louise Drysdale, a Georgetown community leader and longtime resident, who died Wednesday in Placerville at age 86.

Mrs. Drysdale, a descendant of a California pioneer family, was the granddaughter of Horace and Celia Hulbert, who settled in Georgetown in 1880 and founded the Georgetown Gazette newspaper that same year.

She took over ownership of the paper in 1924 after her parents retired, and operated it until 1936. She also worked for the Mountain Democrat, Placerville Times and Auburn Journal and as a correspondent for The Sacramento Bee.

Mrs. Drysdale was a judge for the Georgetown Judicial District from 1939 to 1964, and was a former director of Marshall Hospital in Placerville. She had operated a real estate business in Georgetown and was a charter member and past president of the El Dorado County Board of Realtors.

She was a member of the California judges, marshals and constables associations, the El Dorado County Historical Society and the Monday Club in Placerville, and was a life member of the Friends of the Library.

Mrs. Drysdale has no survivors. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, one of the founders of the Placerville Times newspaper and a former secretary-manager of the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce.

Arrangements were made through Memory Chapel in Placerville. Private burial will be at the Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery.

"Sacramento Bee" Friday 8 Nov 1985 p 42

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
SACRAMENTO

File No.

DELAYED CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

1. <u>Amy Louise Horn</u> FULL NAME OF CHILD		<u>Maudie Aleah Hulbert</u> MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	
2. Place of birth: (a) County <u>El Dorado</u> (b) City or town <u>Georgetown</u>		3. Date of birth <u>June 1st 1899</u> MONTH DAY YEAR	
4. Sex <u>Female</u>		5. Color or race <u>White</u>	
6. Full name <u>John Christian Horn</u> FATHER OF CHILD		8. Full maiden name <u>Maudie Aleah Hulbert</u> MOTHER OF CHILD	
7. Birthplace <u>Pennsylvania</u> STATE OR COUNTRY		9. Birthplace <u>California</u> STATE OR COUNTRY	

10. I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10 day of January 1946

Wilton L. Halverson [Signature]
for the County of El Dorado State of Calif.

My Commission Expires 19

[Signature] Wilton L. Halverson
Present address Georgetown, Calif.
STREET AND NO. CITY STATE

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE
ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

NAME AND KIND OF DOCUMENT (INCLUDING BY WHOM ISSUED AND SIGNED, WITH DATE OF ISSUE) DATE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WAS MADE

A. Affidavit, Margaret N. Murdock, no relation. 8/10/43

B. Affidavit, Dora Crawford, friend. 11/5/44

C. Cert. of Baptism issued by Thomas Murrish, Minister, 8/20/1899 8/20/1899

D.

INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRANT AS STATED IN DOCUMENT

BIRTHDATE OR AGE	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	FULL NAME OF MOTHER
A. <u>6/1/1899</u>	<u>Georgetown</u>	<u>John C. Horn</u>	<u>Maudie A. Horn</u>
B. <u>6/1/1899</u>	<u>Georgetown</u>	" " "	" " "
C. <u>6/1/1899</u>	<u>Georgetown, Cal.</u>	" " "	" " "
D.			

I certify that no prior certificate has been found in the State Bureau of Vital Statistics for this registrant and that documentary evidence has been seen and read by me or by an authorized representative of my office which substantiates the facts set forth in the foregoing abstract.

[Signature] WILTON L. HALVERSON, M. D. Date Made APR 11 1946
State Registrar

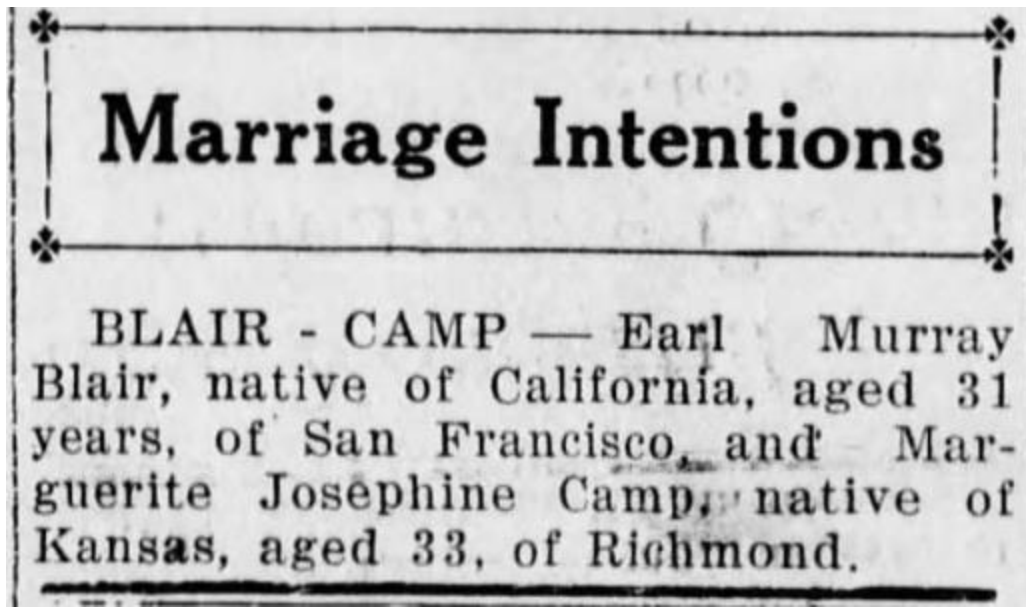
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Wife Marguerite Josephine Camp

MARRIAGE LICENSES

A marriage license has been secured here by Earl Murray Blair, aged 31, of San Francisco, and Marguerite Josephine Camp, aged 33, of Richmond.

"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Friday 23 Mar 1928 p 6



"Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" Wednesday 14 Mar 1928 p 8

Parents:



Father Matthew Blair & mother Pauline Larsen Blair - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101813446/person/142538751056/media/932fff97-78dc-4cc7-b235-c97910c7fd79>

PLACERVILLE COUPLE WED FIFTY YEARS

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Blair, Sr., celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Monday. They have been residents of El Dorado County since 1862. They were showered with congratulations by their many friends in the county.

Two children, Mrs. L. D. Smith of Van Nuys, California, and E. M. Blair of Kisaia, Sumatra, were unable to be present at the celebration.

“Sacramento Bee” Thursday 30 Dec 1926 p 8

Father:

Matthew Blair

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Matthew Blair
Gender	Male
Birth Date	16 Oct 1848
Birth Place	Other Country
Death Date	5 Sep 1940
Death Place	El Dorado
Mother's Maiden Name	Murray
Father's Surname	Blair

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Mathew Blair Of El Dorado Dies

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), Sept. 6.—Funeral services for Mathew Blair, Sr., 91, retired lumberman, who died yesterday afternoon, will be held at 11 A. M. Saturday in the Memory Chapel. Rev. H. G. Morehouse will conduct the ceremony. Interment will be in the Union Cemetery.

Born in Barhead, Scotland, October 16, 1848, Blair came to this country as an infant. He moved to this county April 19, 1862, and throughout his entire lifetime he was associated with lumbering interests.

He leaves seven children, Mathew, Walter, Arthur and Albert Blair and Mrs. John Harris of Placerville, Mrs. L. D. Smith of Van Nuys and Earl Blair of Lima, Peru.

“Sacramento Bee” Friday 6 Sep 1940 p 8

City Convention.

The citizens met on Wednesday night, the 25th, at the city hall to make nominations for city officers. Some people had apprehended all kinds of sharp practice, either by the saloon men or by the Good Government League, to secure imaginary advantage, but nobody seemed to want to do anything very wicked, so peace and harmony prevailed. The candidates who had made announcements—Walter E. Miller and Robert Crocker for Marshal and C. H. Weatherwax for Clerk—were nominated. No other nominations were made for these offices.

Max Mierson was nominated to succeed himself as Treasurer without opposition, as in the case of Mr. Weatherwax for City Clerk.

For Trustees there were four nominations for the two offices—J. A. Sigwart, J. F. Limpinsel, Mathew Blair and S. G. Beach.

It is popularly supposed that Messrs. Blair and Beach represent the views of the Good Government League while Messrs. Sigwart and Limpinsel are not identified with that organization and are not antagonistic to existing conditions.

The Trustees whose terms expire are J. A. Sigwart and J. F. Lucas. There was a big crowd at the hall and a very marked interest in the proceedings.

“Mountain Democrat & Placerville Times” Thursday 2 Apr 1908 p 5

Mother:



Pauline Larsen Blair - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101813446/person/142336084360/media/7ef68fcd-588d-4eac-b69f-addc829b7a33>

Pauline Blair

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Pauline Blair [Pauline Larsen]
Gender	Female
Birth Date	16 Dec 1855
Birth Place	Utah
Death Date	3 Jun 1944
Death Place	El Dorado
Mother's Maiden Name	Dahl
Father's Surname	Larsen

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PIONEER DIES

PLACERVILLE — (AP) — Mrs. Pauline Blair, who arrived in Placerville in a covered wagon in 1861 and had been a resident ever since, died Saturday in her home.

"Shasta Courier" (Redding CA) Thursday 8 Jun 1944 p 2

Woman Who Survived Indian Attack Is Dead In El Dorado

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), June 5.—Mrs. Pauline Blair, widow of Matthew Blair, Sr., died Saturday in her home at 69 Clay Street.

She had been a resident of this community since 1861 when she arrived in Placerville in a covered wagon which made up part of an immigrant train.

Mrs. Blair often related interesting events of her journey west, of which one of the most vivid in her recollections was an attack by a band of Indians.

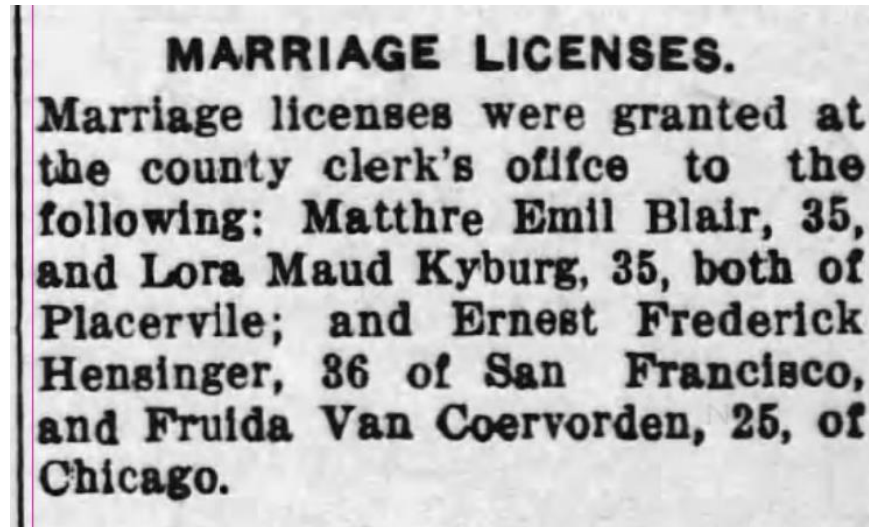
Until the time of her marriage on December 27, 1876, Mrs. Blair had lived in the Blairs District attending the school there and later attended the Placerville Academy.

Mrs. Blair is survived by seven children, Matthew E., Walter E., Arthur J., Albert W. Blair and Mrs. John H. Harris, all of Placerville; Mrs. Lyman D. Smith of Van Nuys and Earl M. Blair of Washington, D. C. She also leaves her sisters and a brother, Mrs. John Davey, Miss Louise Larsen of Placerville, Mrs. William J. Burnett of Tulare and Silas Larsen of Camino; 16 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

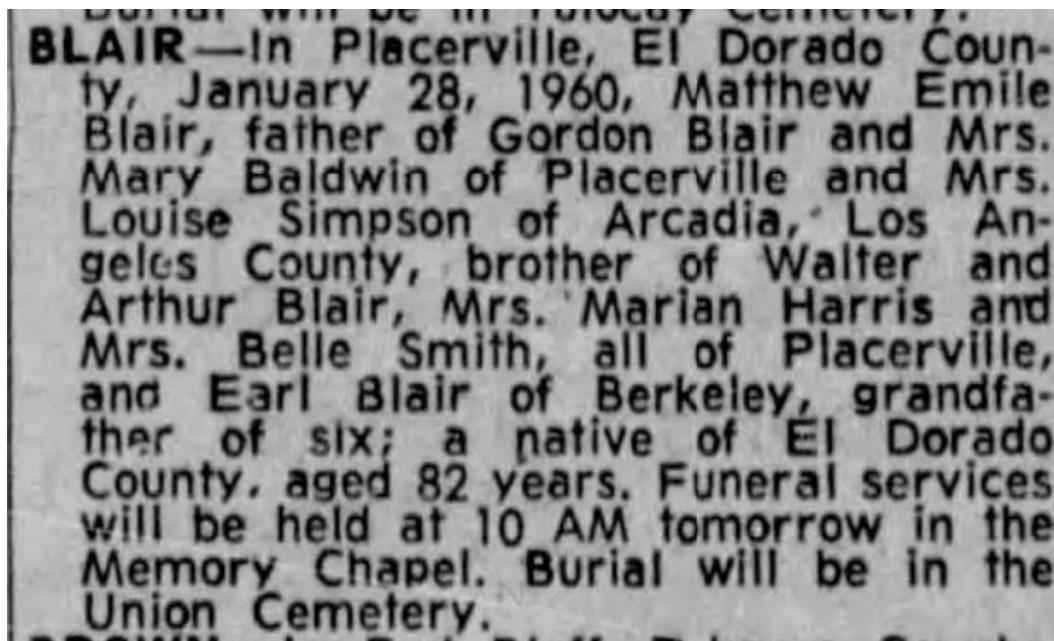
Private funeral services will be conducted at 2 P. M. tomorrow in Memory Chapel. Rev. Jesse R. Rudkin will officiate and interment will be in the Union Cemetery beside her late husband.

"Sacramento Bee" Monday 5 Jun 1944 p 9

Siblings:



Brother Matthew Emil/Emile Blair (1877-1960) – "Sacramento Star" Wednesday 12 Mar 1913 p 3



"Sacramento Bee" Friday 29 Jan 1960 p 43

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 1640	1. NAME (Print) MATTHEW EMILE BLAIR (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) PLACERVILLE EL DORADO CALIF (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same		
4. TELEPHONE Plac. 356 (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS 64 DATE OF BIRTH Sept 5 1877 (M) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH El Dorado Co. Calif. (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MARY BALDWIN Placerville Calif.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS self		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Placerville El Dorado Calif (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-62)		10-51630-2 14. author Emile Blair (Registrar's signature)

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Sister Marion Mary/May Blair Harris (1878-1965) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101813446/person/142538751243/media/095ac79a-5a5f-48c6-a6b8-81c1b897d9f1>

California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Marion B Harris
Gender	Female
Birth Date	24 Dec 1878
Birth Place	California
Death Date	6 Jul 1965
Death Place	El Dorado
Mother's Maiden Name	Larsen

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/101813446/person/142538751243/facts>

<p>MISS MARION BLAIR BRIDE OF JOHN HARRIS.</p> <p>The Marriage Ceremony is Said at the Home of her Parents in This City.</p> <p>Miss Marion Blair became the bride of John Harris at 11 a. m. Wednesday at a quiet wedding at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blair. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Rev. E. E. Clark read the marriage ceremony and blessed the happy couple.</p> <p>The rooms were beautifully decorated, the artistic work having been done by Mrs. William Bland and Miss Agnes Alderson.</p> <p>The Episcopal marriage ceremony was read at the request of the bride and bridegroom and the bride was given away by her father. Mrs. Bland played the beautiful Mendelssohn wedding march.</p>	<p>The newly married couple left on the motor for the Southern part of the State, where they will enjoy their honeymoon. When they return to Placerville they will make their home at the Blair residence for a time.</p> <p>Miss Blair is the daughter of one of the county's best known residents and she has always been popular in the younger social set.</p> <p>The bridegroom is a ranch owner and has two fine ranches in this county, one on the outskirts of Placerville and the other near Georgetown.</p>
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"Mountain Democrat & Placerville (CA) Times" Friday 28 Jun 1912 p 2

Walter E Blair

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

Name	Walter E Blair
Social Security #	569684162
Gender	Male
Birth Date	11 Jun 1881
Birth Place	California
Death Date	27 Nov 1966
Death Place	El Dorado
Mother's Maiden Name	Larson

Brother Walter Emerson Blair (1881-1966) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/644095:5180?ssrc=pt&tid=243990&pid=162573914549>



Brother Arthur James Blair (1883-1961) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/101813446/person/142538751246/media/53e0c07d-c159-4c1b-9e2a-92fb4295fc45>



According to the caption, Earl's brother Arthur James Blair is standing at the rear, far left, arms folded – brother Walter Emerson Blair is the 4th man standing from the right (fingers hooked in overall pockets) – the woman seated at far left (dark dress) is his brother Albert Warren Blair's 1st wife Elsie Mary Heuston (later Wells) – the boy seated at far left is Arthur Eugene Blair (son of Albert Warren Blair) – the girl at far right is Betty Pauline Blair, seated on the lap of her father Albert Warren Blair – taken at Long Canyon Mill, Pollock Pines CA -

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BLAIR—In Placerville, El Dorado County, November 10, 1961, Arthur James Blair, husband of Mildred Marsh Blair of Placerville, father of Arthur E. Blair of Camino, El Dorado County, and Mrs. Betty Blair King of Sacramento, brother of Earl M. Blair of Berkeley, and Walter E. Blair, Mrs. Marian Blair Harris and Mrs. Belle Blair Smith, all of Placerville, grandfather of four and uncle of 14; a native of Placerville, aged 78 years. Masonic funeral services will be held at 11 AM tomorrow in the Momory Chapel. Cremation will follow.

Arthur James Blair – “Sacramento Bee” Monday 13 Nov 1961 p 21

BLAIR—In Berkeley, May 19, 1952, Albert Warren Blair of 627 Santa Rosa Avenue, Berkeley, beloved husband of Ruth Raynor Blair; loving father of Mrs. Pauline McGeorge of Placerville; loving brother of Matt. Blair, Mrs. Marion Harris, Walter Blair, Arthur Blair, Mrs. Belle Smith, all of Placerville, and Earl M. Blair of Berkeley; a native of Placerville, Calif.; aged 66 years. A member of the Federated Church of Placerville and the American Legion of Placerville. Friends are invited to attend services in the Berkeley Hills Chapel (Page & Oder), 1602 Shattuck Avenue at Cedar, Berkeley, Thursday, May 22, 1952, at 2 p.m. Inurnment, Sunset View Cemetery. Dr. Laurance L. Cross officiating.

Find A Grave 209851624 – brother Albert Warren Blair (1885-1952)

Former Le Grand Girl Is Married

LE GRAND (Merced Co.), April 2.—Ruth Raynor and Albert Blair, both of Berkeley, were married in Carmel.

The bride was born and reared in Le Grand. She is the only daughter of Mrs. Nellie Raynor.

She graduated from the Le Grand High School, later attending Mills College.

The couple will make their home with Mrs. Raynor in Berkeley, upon their return from a honeymoon along the coast.

Blair is a retired lumberman of Placerville.

"Fresno Bee" Sunday 3 Apr 1949 p 48

PLACERVILLE (El Dorado Co.), June 25.—The marriage of Lyman D. Smith and Miss Belle L. Blair, youngest daughter of Matthew Blair of this city, was solemnized at the family residence at noon to-day, Rev. E. E. Clark of the Presbyterian Church officiating. The wedding was unostentatious and only relatives were present at the ceremony. The newly married couple left on the afternoon train for West Unity, Ohio, Mr. Smith's former home, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Both are successful teachers, Smith as Principal of the Placerville Grammar School, a position he has occupied for several years to the general satisfaction of the public, and Miss Blair, who presides over the fifth grade at the same school. Smith is also the Sunday School Superintendent of the Presbyterian Church, and they are both prominent as members of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Marriage of sister Belle Louise Blair (1888-1973) to Lyman Dell Smith – “Sacramento Bee”
Wednesday 25 Jun 1913 p 8

Belle L. Smith
PLACERVILLE — Funeral services for Belle L. Smith, 85, a native and life-long resident of Placerville, will be held at 11 AM tomorrow in the Chapel of the Pines.
A descendant of the pioneer Mathew Blair family, which came here in 1850, Mrs. Smith taught school in the area from 1907 to 1912 prior to marrying the late Lyman V. Smith.
She is survived by her sons, L. Donald and E. Clark, both of Placerville; daughters, Pauline Gilbert of Guerneville, Sonoma County, and Katherine Palmer of Fillmore, Ventura County; brother, Earl M. Blair of Berkeley, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

“Sacramento Bee” Thursday 6 Dec 1973 p 29

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Earl Murray Blair

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,472

Entered service from: Placerville, El Dorado CA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Earl M. Blair

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Mathew Blair, Placerville CA

Returned from war on: "K.I. Luckenbach" May/Jun 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Earl M. Blair

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Matthew Blair, Sr., Placerville CA (wagoner, HQ Det., 10th Bn, 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Earl M. Blair - b. 3 May 1896 Placerville CA; res: 2407 S. Atherton, Berkley CA. Single. Student in Berkeley CA. Military experience: cadet, 2 years, U of CA. Tall & slender. Registered 30 May 1917, in advance of the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Box 176, Placerville CA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Earl Murray Blair - b. 3 May 1896 Placerville CA; res: 26 Bedford Ave., Placerville, El Dorado CA. Mailing address: PO Box 588, Placerville CA. NOK Matthew Blair, Jr., Placerville CA. Employed by Soil Conservation Service, Placerville, El Dorado Co. CA. Changed to mailing address of Room 345, R.F.C. Building, 811 Vermont Ave. Washington DC, moved 10 Aug 1942. "Appendix scar" – Height: 5' 10 ½" – 172 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 6 Dec 1917

Discharged 17 Jun 1919

Address: 69 Clay St., Placerville CA

Rank/unit: wagoner, HQ Detachment, 10th Battalion, 20 Engineers

Birth & death:

Born: 3 May 1896 Placerville, El Dorado CA

Died: 15 Jul 1975 Placerville, El Dorado CA (or Berkeley, Alameda CA)

Find A Grave record: 101845338, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Placerville, El Dorado CA

Cemetery: Placerville Union

Tombstone:

Father: Matthew Blair (Sr.), 16 Oct 1848 Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland – 5 Sep 1940 El Dorado Co. CA. Son of Matthew Blair (1825-1867, F: 41639603) & Elizabeth Isabella Murray (1818-1861). Came to the US as an infant & to El Dorado Co. CA on 19 Apr 1862.

Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA.

Find A Grave: 89875953

Mother: Pauline Larsen Blair, 16 Dec 1855 Cottonwood, Salt Lake Co. UT – 3 Jun 1944 Placerville, El Dorado CA. Daughter of Nels Theodore Emil Larsen & Marne Louise ("Marian") Dahl.

Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA.

Find A Grave: 89876009

Parents' marriage: 27 Dec 1876 Placerville, El Dorado CA

Spouse: Amy Louise Horn Blair Drysdale, 1 Jun 1899 El Dorado Co. CA – 6 Nov 1985 Placerville, El Dorado Co. CA.

Daughter of John Christian Horn & Maud Aleah Hulbert.

Graduated from Placerville High School.

Married Walter Gow Drysdale (27 Oct 1902 Scotland – 7 Aug 1969 Placerville, El Dorado CA), F: 206912658) in 1930,.

Amy's obituary: "Auburn (CA) Journal" 8 Nov 1985 p 3 – no funeral for Amy Louise Drysdale, who d. 6 Nov 1985 in Placerville CA. Descendant of 2 early CA pioneer families. Her maternal great-grandparents, Joseph & Betsy Hurlbert, left IA with 6 children & came to CA in 1861. Her grandparents Horace & Celia Hulbert came to Georgetown CA in 1880 & founded the "Georgetown Gazette" on 9 Apr 1880. Her parents John & Maud operated the newspaper from 1898 to 1924. She is a true newspaper woman, the third generation of women in her family – gathering & writing & typesetting the news. A long list of civic involvement, including being a judge in Georgetown for 25 years, insurance broker, hospital director & realtor. Her husband Walter G. Drysdale retired as the secretary/manager of the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce in 1966 & died in 1969. She then moved to Placerville. She will be buried in the Drysdale family plot in the Georgetown Cemetery (El Dorado Co. CA)

Buried in Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery, Georgetown, El Dorado Co. CA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 206912645

Marriage: Amy Horn & Earl Blair, on 27 Dec 1921 in Placerville, El Dorado CA. Divorced 1927 in El Dorado Co. CA.

Spouse: Marguerite Josephine Camp Blair, 17 Aug 1894 Goff, Nemaha KS – 13 May 1985 El Dorado Co. CA. "Santa Cruz (CA) Evening News" 23 Mar 1928 p 6 – marriage license application for Earl Murray Blair, age 31, San Francisco & Marguerite Josephine Camp, age 33, Richmond CA.

Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA.

Find A Grave: 101845455

Marriage: 22 Mar 1928

Children:

Siblings: Earl was the youngest child.

- Matthew Emil/Emile Blair Jr., 5 Sep 1877 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 28 Jan 1960 Placerville, El Dorado CA. Married in 1912 to Lora Maud Kyburz (1877-1957, F: 34729237). Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA. F: 34729227
- Marion May Blair Harris, 24 Dec 1878 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 5 Jul 1965 Placerville, El Dorado CA. Wife of John Henry Harris (1868-1952, F: 143594795), an early orchardist & winner of the World's Fair prize for grapes. They married 3 Jul

1912 in Placerville, El Dorado CA. - Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA. F: 143594837

- Walter Emerson Blair, 11 Jun 1881 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 27 Nov 1966 Placerville, El Dorado CA. Married Agnes Wilhelmina Larsen (1887-1974, F: 89875450). Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA. F: 89875676
- Arthur James Blair, 23 Mar 1883 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 10 Nov 1961 Placerville, El Dorado CA. Married 13 Dec 1917 in San Francisco, San Francisco CA to Mildred Mariam Marsh (1885-1974, F: 64986535). Buried in Westwood Hills Memorial Park, Placerville, El Dorado CA. F: 64991546
- Albert Warren (“Bert”) Blair, 3 Sep 1885 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 19 Mar 1952 Berkeley, Alameda CA. – Married 27 Oct 1928 in Carson City NV to Elsie Mary Heuston (1910-2000, F: 65342394), the daughter of George Thomas Heuston (1873-1911, F: 18480109) & Marguerite Curry Burrows (1883-1967, F: 134372236). They presumably divorced, as Elsie Blair married Frederick Alexander Wells (1892-1979) & in 1949 Albert Blair married Ruth Raynor (1897-1966, F: 209851624). Obituary: “Oakland Tribune” 19 May 1952 p 39 – died in Berkeley CA on 19 Mar, age 66, b. Placerville, resident of 627 Santa Rosa Ave., Berkeley. Survived by brothers Matt, Walter & Arthur Blair & sisters Mrs. Marion Harris & Mrs. Belle Smith, all of Placerville, and brother Earl M. Blair of Berkeley. Inurnment at Sunset View Cemetery (El Cerrito, Contra Costa Co. CA). – Buried in Golden Gate Mausoleum & Columbaria, Kensington, Contra Costa CA. F: 209851542
- Belle Louise Blair Smith, 12 Jul 1888 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 5 Dec 1973 Placerville, El Dorado CA, Wife of Lyman Dell Smith (1882-1945, F: 109147577) whom she married 25 Jun 1913 in Placerville, El Dorado CA. Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA. F: 136151857
- Paul Blair, 1890-1892. Buried in Placerville Union Cemetery, Placerville, El Dorado CA. F: 187913375

Notes:

The family came in covered wagons over the Echo summit in the spring, one year after the Donner party. That wagon train was snowbound and resorted to cannibalism in the winter of 1846-1847.

Earl was a resident of Lima, Peru, in Sep 1940 when his father died.

Wartime:

“Sacramento Bee” 18 May 1916 p 4 – Cadet officers have been named at U of CA – as sergeant in Co. D – Earl Murray Blair of Placerville.

“Sacramento (CA) Bee” 7 Mar 1918 p 8 – “Old Chums Meet on Tuscania”

Ira F. Brown, born in Placerville but who left about 10 years ago, met 1 of his classmates, Earl Blair, on the Tuscania. Both were rescued. In a letter to Earl's sister, Mrs. John H. Harris, Earl says they are both now in a camp in Larne, Ireland. Earl is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Blair of Placerville. Formerly a ranger in the national forest. Brown expects to go to Scotland & England to work in lumber mills.

"Sacramento Bee" 30 Sep 1918 p 8 – Earl, in the 10th [sic/20th] Forestry Regiment on Tuscania, spent several weeks in an English hospital as a result of exposure. He writes of having the opportunity to see the greater part of France. He is on detached service, traveling from forest to forest to estimate French timber.

Post-war:

Graduated with honors from University of CA, Berkeley on 12 May 1920, with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. Home in Placerville CA.

Sailings & Travels – there are numerous records on Ancestry.com besides those listed:

1927 – on the "Laconia" from Liverpool, England, 15 Oct 1927, arriving NYC 24 Oct 1927. Earl M. Blair, 31, single, b. 5 Mar 1896 Placerville CA. Resident of 69 Clay St., Placerville CA.

6	Blair	EARL M.	31	M	3	Placerville Cal.	3/5/96.	130 E 40 New York, N.Y.
Form 435 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IMMIGRATION SERVICE Printed in England 14-508 NY 2 Record on this blank United States citizens and citizens of insular possessions of the United States arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a port of the insular possessions of the United States, and such citizens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, a port of continental United States, or a port of another insular possession. LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS (FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES) S. S. "LACONIA", sailing from LIVERPOOL, 15TH OCTOBER, 1927, Arriving at port of NEW YORK. 24 OCT 1927, 19 27 Number NY 2 127								

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1935 – on the "Bremen" from Southampton, England, 5 Jan 1935, arriving NYC 10 Jan 1935. Earl M. Blair, age 38, b. 3 May 1896 Placerville CA & Marguerite J. Blair, b. 15 Aug 1894 Goff KS, both residents of 69 Clay St., Placerville CA

6	BLAIR	EARL M.	38	M	M	MAY 3rd 1896 PLACERVILLE CAL.	69 CLAY ST. PLACERVILLE CAL.
7	BLAIR	MARGUERITE J.	40	F	M	AUG. 15th 1894 GOFF KANS.	DO.
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Name	Mr Earl M Blair
Gender	Male
Marital Status	Married
Age	42
Birth Date	3 May 1896
Birth Place	Placerville, California, USA
Port of Departure	Manila, Philippines
Arrival Date	3 Nov 1938
Port of Arrival	San Pedro, Wilmington, and Los Angeles, CA, California
Ship Name	Hoegh Silvercrest

10	✓	PERSONAL	NAME, LAST N.	20	11	F	M	NOVEMBER 28, 1912, Manila, P. I.	M. S. P. #1430 issued Manila, P. I.	1750 NO. GARDNER ST., L.A. CAL.
11		PLATF	Earl M	12	5	M	K	MAY 3, 1896 Placerville, Calif.		69 Clay St., Placerville, Calif.
12		PLATF	Mrs. Josephine	44	2	F	M	AUG. 15 1894. Goff, Kansas		do. do.

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1938 – Earl M. Blair & Mrs. Josephine Blair were to sail from Manila, the Philippines, on the “Hoegh Silvercrest” 12 Oct 1938 to Los Angeles, but were “transferred 3 Nov 1938 to SF [San Francisco] manifest” – Earl b. 3 May 1896 Placerville CA, age 42, Josephine, b. 15 Aug 1894 Goff KS, age 44, both residents of 69 Clay St., Placerville CA

Customs Form 7500 TREASURY DEPARTMENT T. D. No. 8044, 8029 August 1941		UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CLEARANCE DECLARATION OF AIRCRAFT COMMANDER (Clearance Immigration and Customs)	
AIRCRAFT	MC 16019	El Paso, Texas	AIRPORT of departure
Owned by	American Airlines, Inc. (Identification mark)	New York, N. Y.	February 11, 1944 (Date of departure)
Bound for	Monterrey, N. L.	Mexico	Victor James is commander.
Place of last arrival in United States	El Paso, Texas (Port)	(Country)	Date of such arrival
February 11, 1944			
IMMIGRATION LISTS (See instructions on back hereof)			

1963 – Earl M. Blair, 67, retired & Marguerite J. Blair, 69, housewife, sailing from Papeete, Tahiti 16 Dec 1963 via the Cook Islands to Auckland NZ – the ship's destination is Sydney, Australia

“Berkeley (CA) Gazette” 16 Jul 1974 p 18 – graveside services at Placerville Union Cemetery on 18 Jul for Earl, age 78, who lived in Berkeley 27 years. Born in Placerville; died in Berkeley 15 Jul. WWI veteran. Spent 15 years in Sumatra as an executive with the United States Rubber Co. [Sumatra is part of Indonesia. The US Rubber Co. had rubber plantations there. The island was invaded by the Japanese in February & March 1942.]

Social Security Number: 562-66-4754

1880 Placerville, El Dorado CA – 95 Clay St.
Mathew [sic] Blair, 31 Scotland, parents b. Scotland, sawyer
Pauline, 23 UT, parents b. Norway, housekeeper
Mathew E., 3 CA
Marion, 2 CA

& sister-in-law Mary Larsen, 20 UT, parents b. Norway, single, at school

1900 Placerville township, Placerville, El Dorado CA – on 9 Clay St.

Matthew Blair, 51 Scotland, Oct 1848, emigrated 1850, in US 50 years, married 22 years, sawyer

Pauline, 44 CA, Dec 1855, parents b. Norway, gave birth to 8 children, 7 are living

Marion M., 21 CA, Dec 1878, house work

Walter A., 19 CA, Jun 1881, saw mill setter

Arthur J., 18 CA, Mar 1882, at school

Albert W., 15 CA, Sep 1884, at school

Belle M., 11 CA, Jul 1888, at school

Earl M., 4 CA, May 1896

1910 Placerville, El Dorado CA – Clay St.

Matthew Blair, 61 Scotland, in 1st marriage, married 33 years, sawyer, emigrated 1850, naturalized, lumber mill

Pauline, 54 CA, parents b. Norway, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 7 are living

Matthew, 31 CA, woodsman, lumber company

Marion, 29 CA [no occupation]

Arthur, 26 CA, saw setter, lumber mill

Albert, 24 CA, woodsman, lumber company

Belle, 21 CA, teacher, public school

Earl, 13 CA

1920 Oakland, Alameda Co. – 1073 – 54th St.

Earl M. Blair, 23 CA, single, father b. Scotland, mother b. Norway, no job, living with a cousin,

James L. Bowman, 31 TN, parents b. TN, revising clerk, steam railroad [head of household]

Agnes A., 31 CA, father b. England, mother b. Scotland [wife]

Adele Bowman, 1 CA [daughter]

Thomas E. Alderson, 45 CA, single, father b. England, mother b. Scotland, clerk, shipyard [James's brother-in-law]

[1930 – may have been living in Sumatra]

1940 Lotus, Coloma, El Dorado CA – in 1935 in Berkeley, Alameda CA – was in Lima, Peru, in Sep 1940 when his father died

Earl Blair, 43 CA, farmer, fruit ranch

Josephine, 45 KS

1950 Berkeley, Alameda CA – 617 Santa Rosa Ave.

Earl M. Blair, 53 CA

Josephine C., 55 KS

[no occupation listed for either]

