

Andrew Marshall Blair and Emma Magdalena Hauch



Andrew Marshall Blair



Emma Magdalena Hauch

Andrew Marshall Blair was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on the 5th of January, 1849, to John Blair and Anna Marshall, who too were both born in County Antrim, according to his marriage return of 1878.¹ According to information provided to the Latter-day Saints International Genealogical Index (IGI) by an anonymous LDS church member, John Blair was born in Ballyclare, County Antrim, in 1809, and he married Anne Marshall, of Ballyclare, about 1834.⁶ It was perhaps this same contributor who submitted other records to the IGI, concerning christening dates of children of John Blair and Anne Marshall: Jane Blair, ~19 Jan. 1835; John Blair, ~22 Nov. 1836; and Samuel Blair, ~17 Apr. 1839; all of whom were christened in Ballyeaston, and “Ballyeaston” here may refer to the name of the parish.⁶ Anna Sophia Blair, a daughter of Andrew Marshall Blair, who compiled a great deal of Blair family history (and we’re grateful to her for doing this!) listed four brothers and sisters of her father: Samuel, William J., Margaret, and Jane.¹² This information tends to confirm the christening date information. And perhaps “John” and “William J.” were the same person. Anna S. mentions that her father Andrew was the fifth son.¹² From letters which were written to her father, and preserved by Anna S. we can piece together more of the family structure. Listed in the box on the next page are the children, and with what we know of their vital statistics. We’ve guessed at the order in which they were born, and listed them thus, but we have little basis for our guesswork.

Emma Blair Catalane, another daughter of Andrew M. Blair, has related to us that John Blair, Andrew’s father, was the son of James Blair and Betty Cunningham, who were married in Belfast. Emma also believed that Andrew’s father’s name was James Blair II, and that his mother’s was Margaret Marshall, and that these two were married in “Ballyclare.” Emma believed that Margaret died, and that James II then married an Anne, and that Andrew ran away from home as a young boy because his neighbors persuaded him that his step-mother did not treat him well. Emma said that her

The children of John Blair and Anna Marshall

Jane Blair	b. 1835	m. Thomas Curran	
William John Blair	b. 1836?		
Samuel Blair	b. 1839		
James Blair	b. ?		d. (19 Feb. 1912, at Whitepark) ¹¹
Robert Blair	b. ?		
Andrew Marshall Blair	b. 1849	m. Emma Hauch	d. 26 Jan. 1920, Newark, NJ
Liza Blair (“Eliza”) ¹¹	b. ?	m. John Kennedy	
Nathaniel Blair	b. ?		d. prior to 1887
Margaret Blair	b. ?	m. ____ McIntoch	

father told her as he grew older that he realized that this wasn’t true, and that she had actually been good to her.⁹ We believe that Emma was incorrect about the names of her father’s parents; but it could be, perhaps, that “Margaret” was the second wife.

Andrew’s sister Jane Curran wrote to him on 17 March 1877 from 84 Stanhope St. in Belfast, telling Andrew that James was married to a daughter of John Boyd, and had one child. (John Boyd lived in Ballyclare.)

An 1886 letter to Andrew from his brother Samuel, who lived at 50 Church St., in Worthington, Cumberland, England, tells us that Samuel had five children then—four girls and a boy. James’s first wife had died, and he had married, but Samuel did not know the name of the second wife. Robert had lived in Worthington for two years, but work got bad so he moved to Belfast and got a job there. Samuel himself was looking for work in America and was asking Andrew what chance

there was for work there as a blacksmith, or as an engineman.



Anna Sophia Blair



Albert A. Catalane & Emma L. Blair

William John Blair came to America and worked with Andrew for a time.¹⁰

Jane Curran’s son Willie wrote to Andrew on 24 Feb. 1912, informing him that “Uncle James Blair died on Monday last at Whitepark . . . So

he passed away + with him the name passes away also from Whitepark.” (He left the house to his eldest daughter’s eldest son. The entire building had been erected new a few years before.) A Google maps search for “Whitepark, Northern Ireland” hits upon an actual address: Whitepark, 192 Ballycorr Rd., Ballyclare, Newtownabbey BT39, UK. (Newtownabbey is an urban area that was created in 1958 by collecting a number of villages into one large town.) It appears that Whitepark was (and is) a small residential/business area in Ballyclare. In the Ballyclare County Antrim Guide and Directory 1888 (from George Henry Bassett’s “The Book of Antrim,” 1888), a “James Blair, Ballycor,” was listed among Farmers & Residents. And in the Belfast and Ulster Towns Directory for 1910, James Blair, of Sycamore house, Whitepark, is listed as an inhabitant of Ballyclare. The Craig Dufferin cottage was another residence in Whitepark, and Whitepark Finishing Company—Mr. Robert Carse, manager—was in also Whitepark. From the remark by Willie Curran, quoted above, we suspect that Whitepark was the location of the Blair family home for a long period of time, and that the property passed from John Blair to his son James sometime prior to 1888.



Emma Louise Blair, at ~2

Daughter Emma has also told us that her father Andrew Marshall Blair was about twelve years old when he came to America, and that he first came to Philadelphia, and there was a smallpox epidemic there. He was living with a young man who had contracted smallpox, and he stayed with



William Henry Joseph Hauch
(We have no picture of Sophia Jacquillard)

William H.J. Hauch and Sophia Jacquillard

William Henry Joseph Hauch had immigrated in 1844, and Sophia Jacquillard in 1842. They were married on 16 March 1847, probably in Newark. Emma was their third child (of nine), and their second daughter. William Hauch was born on 6 Feb. 1823 in Oppau, Bavaria, a town about 3 or 4 miles north of the city of Ludwigshafen am Rhein. Bavaria is the southernmost and largest state in present-day Germany, and Munich is its capital. Sophia Jacquillard was born on 20 June 1828 in (or near) Strasbourg, the capital and largest city in present-day Alsace, a region of present-day France on the French side (the western side) of the Upper Rhine, across from the river from present-day Germany. Alsace and Lorraine (the French region to the west of Alsace) together, as Alsace-Lorraine, was territory which changed hands between France and Germany several times between the 17th and the 20th centuries. Strasbourg is about seventy miles up the Rhine River from Oppau (and thus it is south of Oppau).^{2,3,4}

The Six Mile Water is a small river, historically known as the Ollar. It's actually closer to 20 miles long. The most widely accepted story of the origin of its name is that Norman soldiers marching from Carrickfergus Castle in the twelfth Century calculated that they had marched six miles when they forded the river at Ballyclare. A weir (a dam in the river to raise its level and divert its flow) exists at Ballyclare where the water was diverted to the paper mill there.¹⁵

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him and cared for him, when no doctors dared come near. Andrew never caught the disease.⁹ Anna S. has told that Andrew's parents disinherited him when he left Ireland and went to America.¹²

Andrew Marshall Blair married Emma Magdalena Hauch on the 3rd of July, 1878, at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church on Broad Street in Newark. They were married by Rev. Alfred D. Vail in the parsonage. It was the first marriage for each of them. Andrew gave his age as "30 Years January 5th Next," and Emma gave hers as "23 in August." Andrew's occupation was "Steel Smelter." He had been residing at No. 70 Schalk Street, and Emma had been residing at No. 8 Sillimans Street, both in Newark. Emma was the daughter of William Hauch and Sophia Jacquillard. William was born in Bavaria, and Sophia in Strasburg.¹

Andrew Marshall Blair became a citizen of the U.S. on 28 Oct. 1878, in Newark, about four months after he married.⁸

According to Emma Blair Catalane her father loved dogs; he was religious (he and his family were Methodist Episcopal); and he was a wonderful father.⁸ Andrew's granddaughter Margaret Catalane Devaney told that Andrew was a very generous person. His wife always had a big pot of vegetable soup on the stove at Thanksgiving. One time he told her that he knew a family who needed the soup more than they did, and he loaded the pot into his horse and cart and took it over to them. He did this frequently after that. He also helped clothe people. One family he helped was named Haggerty (they were southern Irish, and Catholic). The husband was well paid (about \$100 a week), but he would often drink up his wages at a bar. Andrew came to despise the man for not taking better care of his family. When Emma told her father that she was marrying a Catholic (Albert Catalane) he replied that if she had any trouble she could come back

home. But he came to love Albert as a good person, and he frequently went to visit.⁷

Anna S. stood up for her sister when her sister married Albert Catalane. The Irish Catholic priest permitted it even though she was non-Catholic. It was unheard of before that, but the priest said that the Blairs were a good family.

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Emma Louise Blair, at graduation from grammar school, about age 14.



A family get-together. Andrew M. Blair at top right, Albert Catalane at top left, Anna Sophia Blair at top middle, Emma Blair Catalane at bottom right.

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