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Blair, Leverett, and Stifler Family Information

The following is a guide containing biographical information on the Blair, Leverett, Stifler, and other related families. This guide is not comprehensive, but is rather a compilation of family information found in the Blair, Leverett, and Stifler Family Papers (MS 973). This collection is located in the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections at the University of Illinois Library.

- **Mary Ann (Brown) Leverett**

- Born: August 1, 1812 in Stratham, New Hampshire
- Parents:
 - Josiah Brown
 - Born: January 13, 1765 in Salisbury, Massachusetts
 - Parents:
 - Nathan Brown
 - Born: August 21, 1727
 - Married: January 23, 1753 to Ann Hook
 - Died: April 26, 1799
 - Ann (Hook) Brown
 - Born: June 9, 1728
 - Siblings: 8 siblings
 - [Note: Josiah was the 6th child]
 - Places lived: Hampton Falls, New Hampshire
 - Married: June 12, 1792 to Sarah Clark
 - Died: December 12, 1833 (68 years old) in Stratham, New Hampshire
 - Sarah (Clark) Brown
 - Born: December 22, 1771
 - Parents:
 - Greenleaf Clark
 - Born: February 26, 1736 or 1737
 - Parents:
 - Enoch Clark
 - Born: September 1, 1709
 - Married: Hannah (?)
 - Died: February 16, 1759
 - Hannah (?) Clark
 - Born: January 20, 1701
 - Died: April 9, 1746
 - Fought in American Revolution
 - Died: January 11, 1776 from wounds received during the Battle of Bunker Hill
 - Siblings: 6 siblings
 - [Note: Greenleaf was the 3rd child]
 - Married: November 18, 1760 to Mary Moody

- Mary (Moody) Clark
 - Born: December 11, 1738
 - Siblings: 7 siblings
 - [Note: Sarah was the 6th child]
 - Joshua Brown
 - Died: September 27, 1848 (77 years old) in Stratham, New Hampshire
- Siblings: 11 siblings
 - [Note: 8 boys and 3 girls]
 - Nathan Brown (oldest)
 - Married: Mary (Wiggin) Brown
 - Occupation:
 - Wallpaper importer and dealer in New York City with his brother Joshua Brown
 - Joshua Brown
 - Married: Dolly (Wiggin) Brown
 - Children:
 - J. Warren Brown
 - Charles Boardman Brown
 - Eddie Brown
 - Anna (Annie) Louise Brown
 - Occupation:
 - Wallpaper importer and dealer in New York City with his brother Nathan Brown
 - Josiah Perkins Brown
 - Charles Brown
 - Died: at the age of 33
 - Unmarried
 - Greenleaf Brown
 - Married: Abigail [?] Brown
 - Children:
 - Mary Abbie Brown
 - Born: 1840
 - Sarah (Brown) Moulton (oldest sister)
 - Born: circa 1810
 - Married: Nathan Moulton
 - Children:
 - Harrietta Brown Moulton
 - Born: 1846
 - Emma Susan Moulton
 - Born: 1849
 - Elizabeth Brown
 - Died: in infancy

- Enoch William Brown (youngest)
 - Born: 1814
 - Places lived: probably Georgia
 - Edmund Brown
 - [Note: Mary Ann was the 10th child]
 - Education:
 - Charlestown Female Seminary (Massachusetts)
 - New Hampton Seminary, 1834
 - Occupations:
 - High school teacher, Cornish Flats, 1834-1835?
 - Teacher, Townsend Seminary, 1835-1836?
 - Married: October 11, 1837 to Warren Leverett in Stratham, New Hampshire
 - Died: April 3, 1901 (89 years old) in Alton, Illinois
- **Warren Leverett**
 - Born: December 19, 1805 in Brookline, Massachusetts
 - Parents:
 - William Leverett
 - Died: 1807
 - Lyndia (Fuller) Leverett
 - Married: August or October 11, 1837 to Mary Ann Brown in Stratham, New Hampshire
 - Born: August 1, 1812 in Stratham, New Hampshire
 - Died: April 3, 1901 at the age of 89 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Education:
 - Brown University, graduated 1832
 - Employment: Professor at Shurtleff College
 - Began in 1839
 - Retired in 1868
 - Siblings:
 - Sarah Fuller (Leverett) Leonard
 - Children:
 - Helen Maria (Leonard) Goddard
 - George Goddard, Jr.
 - Professor Washington Leverett (twin brother)
 - Born: December 19, 1805
 - Married: September 1836 to Eliza Ann (Cole) Leverett
 - Born: August 19, 1809
 - Mother: Susan Cole
 - Born: 1780
 - Died: July 1849 (69 years old)
 - Father: Cyrus Cole

- Siblings:
 - Mary Ann (Cole) Leverett
 - Andrew Cole
 - Born: 1811
 - Died: December 25, 1839 (28 years old)
 - Samuel Cole
- Died: October 31, 1858 (49 years old)
- Employment: Professor at Shurtleff College
 - Began in 1836
 - Retired in 1868
 - Other positions held: Trustee, Librarian, Curator, Treasurer, Member of the Executive Committee
- Children:
 - Hattie (Leverett) Sherwood
 - Cyrus Leverett
 - Susan Lydia Leverett
 - Born: circa 1844
 - Died: 1858 (14 years old)
 - Died: December 13, 1889 (83 years old)
- William Leverett
 - Married: 1825 to Mary Ann (Cole) Leverett
 - Born: 1803
 - Mother: Susan Cole
 - Born: 1780
 - Died: July 1849 (69 years old)
 - Father: Cyrus Cole
 - Siblings:
 - Eliza Ann (Cole) Leverett
 - Andrew Cole
 - Samuel Cole
 - Died: 1878 (75 years old)
- Children:
 - Maria Jackson (Leverett) Dalton
 - Born: 1826
 - Married: Asa Dalton
 - Died: 1909
 - Rev. William Cole Leverett
- Joseph Leverett
 - Children:
 - James Walker Leverett
 - George L. Leverett
 - William Leverett
 - Ebenezer Leverett
 - Frances Ellen (Leverett) White

- Died: November 8, 1872 (67 years old) in Alton, Illinois from typhoid pneumonia
- **Children of Mary Ann and Warren Leverett**
 - Mary Ann (Leverett) Greene
 - Born: July 13, 1839 in Greenville, Illinois
 - Married: November 15, 1866 to Rev. Dr. Thomas Waterman Greene
 - Died: August 22, 1877 in Camptonville, California
 - Children:
 - Lucy Leverett (Greene) Chapin
 - Born: October 19, 1866 or 1867
 - Married: October 29, 1895 to Rev. Judson C. Chapin
 - Died: November 12, 1920 in Boulder, Colorado
 - Children:
 - Lucy Katherine (Chapin) Foster
 - Born: May 24, 1897
 - Married: December 21, 1917 to Bryant Foster
 - Died: December 5, 1967 in Fort Collins, Colorado
 - Leverett Chapin
 - Born: January 7, 1900
 - Married: August 24, 1923 to Lenora Lamson
 - Denver, Colorado
 - Died: December 13, 1919 in Boulder, Colorado
 - Frank W. Greene
 - Born: April 22, 1870
 - Married: 3 times, divorced his first wife
 - No children
 - Died: December 12, 1936
 - William W. Greene
 - Born: April 29, 1872
 - Married: circa 1915, divorced
 - Child: One son
 - Died: March 1949
 - Benjamin Greene
 - Born: May 4, 1877
 - Died: May 4, 1877
 - Died: July 27, 1919 (79 years old) in Boulder, Colorado
 - William Warren Leverett
 - Born: November 22, 1841 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Nickname: "Willie"
 - Married: January 3, 1871 to Viola (Myers) Leverett in Springfield, Illinois
 - Enlistment for the Civil War:
 - Date: August 13, 1862
 - Rank: Private, Captain
 - Company: Co. C, 124th Illinois Voluntary Infantry

- Discharged: June 15, 1865, for promotion to U.S.C.T.
 - Died: November 12, 1874 in Little Rock, Arkansas of complications from injuries received while in service
- Sarah E. A. Brown (Leverett) Stifler
 - SEE William Henry Stifler
- Carey Judson Leverett
 - Born: July 5, 1849 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Died: September 23, 1850
- John L. Leverett
 - Born: August 16, 1852 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Married: October 17, 1877 to Amy E. (Hamilton) Leverett
 - Father: Rev. Hamilton
 - White Hall, Illinois
 - Died: October 26, 1932
 - Children:
 - Warren Hamilton Leverett
 - Born: May 21, 1886
 - Married: February 9, 1909 to Joanna Corrington
 - Died: December 1971
 - Died: February 2, 1939 (86 years old) from injuries after a fall
- **William Henry Stifler (W.H. Stifler)**
 - Born: March 25, 1841 near Holidaysburg, Pennsylvania
 - Parents:
 - John H. Stifler
 - Born: 1814?
 - Married: Rebecca Kinsel on January 24, 1839 at Rebecca's home
 - Rebecca (Kinsel) Stifler
 - Born: July 22, 1819 near Eldorado (now Blair County), Pennsylvania
 - Mother: Ann Moriah Kinsel
 - Father: Died when Rebecca was 12 years old
 - Died: August 27, 1890 (71 years old)
 - Siblings:
 - Rev. James Madison (J. M.) Stifler
 - Born: December 8 or 12, 1839
 - Married: April 21, 1868 to Jennie Mary (Carr) Stifler in Griggsville, Illinois
 - Died: October 14, 1911
 - Children:
 - Gertrude Castle (Stifler) Stevens
 - Born: February 8, 1869 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Married: Daniel G. Stevens

- Edward Leland Stifler
 - Born: December 27, 1870 in Nokomis, Illinois
 - Died: August 15, 1872 in Upper Alton, Illinois
- Ellen Rebecca (Stifler) Hope
 - Born: October 22, 1872 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Nickname: Nellie
 - Married: B.P. Hope
 - No children
- Rev. James Madison Stifler, Jr.
 - Born: February 10, 1875 in Upper Alton, Illinois
 - Married:
 - Lucy H. Burnley
 - Mary Cloyd Burnley
 - Pastor at First Baptist Church in Evanston, Illinois
- Edna Eudolphia (Stifler) Meyer
 - Born: January 1, 1877 in Hamilton, New York
 - Married: William F. Meyer
- Herbert Hewes Stifler
 - Born: January 1, 1881 in New Haven, Connecticut
 - Died: July 24, 1881 in Northampton, Massachusetts
- Rose Weston (Stifler) Holland
 - Born: March 18, 1883 in New Haven, Connecticut
 - Married: Winfield S. Holland
- Francis Carr Stifler
 - Born: November 7, 1885 in Upland, Pennsylvania
 - Lived in Wilmette, Illinois
 - Occupations: Professor at Crozer Theological Seminary
 - Died: December 1902
- Sarah Margaret or Marguerite (Stifler) Chilson
 - Born: February 27, 1849
 - Married: June 23, 1890 to William Ezra Chilson in Troy, Pennsylvania
 - No children
 - Places lived:
 - Chicago, Illinois
 - Englewood, Illinois
- Mary Ann (Stifler) Mitchell
 - Born: January 29, 1851
 - Married: George Smith Mitchell
 - Cresson, Pennsylvania
- Nancy Jane (Stifler) Galloway
 - Born: October 1, 1852
 - Married: June 28, 1881 to Rev. William T. Galloway
 - Education: Shippensburg State Teachers' College

- Occupations:
 - Teacher (Des Moines, Iowa)
 - Teacher (Pennsylvania)
 - Reporter, *Altoona Tribune* (Altoona, Pennsylvania) and *The Watchman Examiner* (New York)
- Child: William Stifler Galloway
 - Born: May 24, 1882
 - Married: Pearl F. (?) Galloway
- Places lived:
 - Pennsylvania
 - Crozier, Virginia
 - Hamilton, New York
- Emily Rebecca Stifler
 - Born: December 27, 1844
 - Married to unknown
- Martha Elizabeth (Stifler) Wynn
 - Born: June 13, 1854
 - Married to Mr. Wynn
 - Pennsylvania
- Anna Maria (Stifler) Matser or Marteer
 - Born: February 20, 1843
 - Married: July 24, 1866 to Andrew Cyrus Matser or Marteer
 - Children:
 - Effie Luella (Marteer) Kelly
 - Born: September 21, 1868 in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania
 - Married: J.M. Kelly
 - Nelson Lewis Marteer
 - Born: February 2, 1874
- Robert Christy Stifler
 - Born: October 25, 1858
 - Married: October 17, 1877 to Jennetta B. Brown at Altoona, Pennsylvania
 - Children:
 - Charles Reynolds Stifler
 - Frank Irwin Stifler
- Joseph Kinsel Stifler
 - Born: March 11, 1856
 - Married: January 20, 1880 to Mary Josephine Reese at Shamokin, Pennsylvania
 - Children:
 - John Parrish Stifler
 - Thomas Creager Stifler
 - Elizabeth Stifler

- Mary Lillian Stifler
 - Frank Reese Stifler
 - Bertha Rebecca Stifler
- John Benjamin Stifler
 - Born: January 24, 1847
- Lewis Cleveland Stifler
 - Born: December 11, 1860
 - Married:
 - Ida May (Miller) Stifler in March 1883 in Hagerstown, Maryland
 - Born: August 1, 1861 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania
 - Died: February 3, 1887 (25 years old)
 - Anna, divorced circa 1905
 - Children:
 - Ned Stifler
 - Jay DeForest Stifler
 - Born: January 11, 1886 in Dayton, Ohio
 - Died: June 13, 1895, drowned after slipping and falling into water wheel on the Cedar River in Waterloo, Iowa
 - Places lived:
 - Waterloo, Iowa
- Enlisted during the Civil War, served the entirety of his enlistment at Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Illinois
 - Served May - September, 1864
- Education:
 - Shurtleff College (Alton, Illinois)
 - Graduated in 1866
 - Earned his degree in Theology in 1869
- Married: **Sarah E. A. Brown Leverett** on September 27, 1870
 - Born: November, 1845
 - Nickname: "Brownie"
 - Activities:
 - President, Woman's Missionary Society of the Upper Alton Church
 - Missionary Union of the Alton Baptist Association
 - President, Missionary Social Union of Alton
 - Historian, Daughters of the American Revolution Ninian Edwards chapter
 - Died: 1948 at the age of 103
- Employment:
 - Ordained a minister at the Baptist church in Pana, Illinois
 - First Baptist Church (Pana, Illinois)
 - June 1869 - April 1872
 - First Baptist Church (Cedar Falls, Iowa)
 - May 1872 - March 1876

- First Baptist Church (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)
 - March 1876 - October 1879
- Calvary Baptist Church (Davenport, Iowa)
 - October 1879 - February(?) 1885
- President of Rodger Williams University (Nashville, Tennessee)
 - March 1885 - May 1887
 - Lost his position in May of 1887 for unknown reason
- Pastor at Eighteenth Street Baptist Church (Detroit, Michigan)
 - September(?) 1887 - November 1892
- Pastor at First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
 - November 1892 - August 1895
- Locations lived:
 - Pana, Illinois (June 1869 - May 1872)
 - Cedar Falls, Iowa (May 1872 - March 1876)
 - Cedar Rapids, Iowa (March 1876 - October 1879)
 - Davenport, Iowa (October 1879 - February(?) 1885)
 - Nashville, Tennessee (March 1885 - May 1887)
 - Detroit, Michigan (September(?) 1887 - November 1892)
 - Sioux Falls, South Dakota (1892-1895)
 - Upper Alton, Illinois (1895-1948)
 - Note: These dates are for Sarah B. (Leverett) Stifler
- Died: August 11, 1895 from a stroke at the age of 54 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Children:
 - Mary Atherton Stifler
 - Born: February 22, 1875 in Cedar Falls, Iowa
 - Nickname: Birdie (?)
 - Died: May 8, 1889 at the age of 14 in Detroit, Michigan from a long illness, scarlet fever
 - Juliet Leverett (Stifler) Burton
 - Born: January 6, 1877 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 - Married: July 2, 1902 to Harry Messinger Burton
 - Born: December 9, 1867
 - Died: November 26, 1934
 - Children:
 - Harry Messinger Burton
 - Born: July 7, 1905
 - Married: December 22, 1926 to Francelia Gray
 - Died: March 20, 1976
 - William Stifler Burton
 - Born: December 17, 1907
 - Married: June 15, 1929 to Marie Denning
 - Mary Leverett Burton
 - Born: January 5, 1912
 - Died: January 22, 1914, whooping cough contributed

- John Kinsel Burton
 - Born: December 8, 1915
 - Nickname: JuJu
 - Died: September 3, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois due to pneumonia
- Prof. William Warren Stifler
 - Born: December 22, 1883 in Davenport, Iowa
 - Married: October 16, 1915 to Susan Martha (Reed) Stifler
 - Born: August 16, 1884
 - Died: August 2, 1987
 - First woman to earn a doctoral degree in history from the University of Illinois, 1913
 - Children:
 - William Warren Stifler, Jr.
 - Born: November 27, 1916
 - Married: December 29, 1945 to Julia Fairman Bonnet
 - Martha Huntington (Stifler) Waller
 - Born: June 27, 1920
 - Married: October 16, 1943 to George McGregor Waller
 - Education:
 - Shurtleff College, 1902
 - PhD, University of Illinois
 - Occupations:
 - Instructor, Chemistry and Physics, Ewing College (Ewing, Illinois), 1902-1906
 - Chair of mathematics, Ewing College (Ewing, Illinois)
 - Physics professor at University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Illinois)
 - Professor at Columbia University (New York, New York)
 - Professor at Amherst College (Amherst, Massachusetts)
 - Nickname: Boy Blue
 - Died: December 2, 1954 (70 years old)
- Lucy Kinsel (Stifler) Blair
 - Born: January 13, 1887 in Nashville, Tennessee
 - Attended Shurtleff College from 1901 to 1906, graduated at the age of 19
 - Employment:
 - Public school teacher at Lowell School (Upper Alton, Illinois)
 - Nickname: "Wootie"
 - Married: **Roy Atwood Blair** on September 6, 1911
 - Born: November 26, 1886
 - Father: Edmund Hugh Blair
 - Born: November 4, 1862 in Alton, Illinois

- Parents:
 - John Lewis Blair, Sr. (see below)
 - Sarah Elizabeth Atwood (see below)
- Siblings:
 - Lillian Blair
 - Children: Myra (Blair) Wood
 - Annette Blair
 - Nickname: Nettie
 - Sarah E. Blair
 - Nickname: Sadie
- Married: January 5, 1886 to Grace Preston (Abbott) Blair in Alton, Illinois
- Died: March 24, 1907 at 1608 Henry Street, Alton, Illinois from tuberculosis
- Mother: Grace Preston (Abbott) Blair
 - Born: January 5, 1862 in Weymouth, Massachusetts
 - Father: Rev. Levi Augustus Abbott
 - Born: April 19, 1824 in Beverly, Massachusetts
 - Parents:
 - Dudley Abbott
 - Permelia Ober
 - Born: May 15(?), 1799 in Georgetown, Maryland
 - Parents: Benjamin Ober and Sarah (Gilham) Ober
 - Married: October 19, 1820 to Dudley Abbott
 - Died: May 8, 1843 at the age of 44 from pleurisy fever
 - First engaged to Augusta Miller, who died in 1850 at the age of 23
 - Married: May 19, 1854 to Mary Abby (Preston) Abbott
 - Died: September 20(?), 1920 at 1608 Henry Street, Alton, Illinois
 - Mother: Mary Abby (Preston) Abbott
 - Born: June 3, 1836 in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts
 - Parents:
 - Mary (Marshall) Preston
 - Died: June, 1896 in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts
 - Joseph Knowlton Preston

- Siblings:
 - Albert F. Preston
 - Rev. George Preston
 - John H. Preston
 - Alice (Preston) Collamer
 - Mrs. S.L. (Preston) Hawkes
- Died: March 1, 1927 at 3100 Leverett Avenue, Alton, Illinois
- Siblings:
 - Mary Augusta Abbott
 - Born: May 19, 1855 in Beverly, Massachusetts
 - Died: October 7, 1855 in Milford, Massachusetts
 - Augustus Levi Abbott
 - Born: August 6, 1858 in Weymouth, Massachusetts
 - Died: October, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri
 - Mary Lewis (Abbott) Enos
 - Born: May 24, 1866 in Middleboro, Massachusetts
 - Married: Laurens Enos
 - Born: January 20, 1863 in Marine, Illinois
 - Died: February 19, 1945
 - Roy Marshall Abbott
 - Born: August 2, 1871 in Rochester, Minnesota
 - Namesake of Roy Atwood Blair
 - Died: August 3, 1872 and buried in La Cross, Wisconsin
 - Married: January 5, 1886 to Edmund Hugh Blair
 - Died: March 20, 1952 at the age of 90 in Toledo, Ohio
- Siblings:
 - Abbott Hugh Blair
 - Born: July 21, 1888 in Alton, Illinois
 - Married:
 - Mildred
 - Zula Judson (Coborn) Blair
 - Born: Alabama
 - Siblings: John Coborn, James Coborn, Edgar Coborn, and Grover Coborn

- Daughter: Evelyn A. (Blair) Brimner
 - Died: September 3, 1956 (62 years old) from cancer and hypostatic pneumonia
 - Occupation: Contracting Engineer
 - Died: July 23, 1972 in Fresno County, California (84 years old)
 - Buried: Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, California
- Dorothy Lilian Blair
 - Born: September 10, 1890
 - Education:
 - Mt. Holyoke College
 - Imperial University (Kyoto, Japan), 1927
 - London University, 1933
 - Occupations:
 - 1914-1916: Assistant (art), Mount Holyoke College
 - 1917-1921: Secretary to Director, Museum of Art (Cleveland, Ohio)
 - 1921-1922: Assistant, Art Institute of Chicago
 - 1922-1926: Assistant Director, John Herron Art Institute (Indianapolis, Indiana)
 - 1928-?: Assistant Curator of Oriental Art, Toledo Museum of Art (Toledo, Ohio)
 - 1932-1933: Mary E. Woolley Fellow
 - Died: March 16, 1989
- John Lewis Blair
 - Married: Carolyn
 - Children:
 - Kay Blair
 - Education:
 - Shurtleff College
 - PhD, Chicago University
 - Occupations:
 - High school teacher (Assumption, Illinois and East Dubuque, Illinois)
 - Registrar, Kent College (Kent, Ohio)
 - Aunt: Sarah Elizabeth Atwood Blair
 - Grandfather: John Lewis Blair

- Died: June, 1971 from prostate cancer
- Died: July 28, 1978
- Children:
 - **Mary Abbott (Blair) Haxel (donor)**
 - Born: November 14, 1914 in Alton, Illinois
 - Education:
 - A.B. from Shurtleff College, June 1936
 - Married: Gordon Wilbur Haxel on October 31, 1942
 - Born: June 16, 1913 in Fowler, Illinois
 - Died: March 19, 1993 (79 years old)
 - Children:
 - **Gordon Blair Haxel (donor)**
 - Born: May 22, 1946
 - Bernard Frederick Haxel
 - Born: December 31, 1949
 - Margaret Stifler (Haxel) Boomer
 - Born: April 21, 1951
 - Married: December 23, 1984 to Tim Boomer in Wood River, Illinois
 - Died: November 23, 2015 (64 years old)
 - Nickname: Maemay or Maymae
 - Died: February 6, 2007
 - **Elizabeth (Betty) Stifler (Blair) Sutton**
 - Born: June 3, 1918
 - Married: Robert Mize Sutton on June 19, 1942
 - Born: December 15, 1915 in Bunker Hill, Illinois
 - Parents: Robert E. Lee and Mary (Mize) Sutton
 - Siblings:
 - Reid Sutton
 - Born: October 7, 1918 in Bunker Hill, Illinois
 - Married: June 24, 1946 to Florence (Bitting) Sutton
 - Died: March 3, 1993 (74 years old)
 - Elizabeth Sutton
 - Served in the Army Air Force during World War II
 - Occupations:
 - Professor of History at UIUC (1948-1984)
 - Assistant and Associate Dean (1956-1966)

- Director of the Illinois Historical Survey (1965-1984)
 - Died: May 2, 2005 (89 years old)
- Education:
 - Graduated from Shurtleff College (Alton, Illinois) in 1939 as valedictorian
 - Earned Master's degree in History from the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) in 1940
- Children:
 - Elizabeth (Sally or Betsy) Blair (Sutton) Smith
 - Born: November 25(?), 1946 [check this]
 - Married:
 - Michael (?)
 - Jim Smith
 - **William (Bill) Robert Sutton (donor)**
 - Married: Jane
 - Sarah Mize (Sutton) Mager
 - Married: Gerald Mager
 - Dr. David Blair Sutton
 - Born: April 28, 1952 in Champaign, Illinois
 - Married: Beth Nelson on December 17, 1977
 - Education:
 - Wheaton College, 1977
 - University of Illinois School of Medicine, 1981
 - Children:
 - Emily (Sutton) McClements
 - Rachel (Sutton) Line
 - Laura Sutton
 - Places lived: Muskegon, Michigan
 - Died: April 21, 2012 from cancer
 - Died: June 21, 2008
- Barbara Atwood (Blair) Robinson
 - Born: March 9, 1923
 - Married: James MacOmber Robinson in December of 1944
 - Born: August 22, 1920 in Harbor Springs, Michigan
 - Died: May 17, 2012

- Children:
 - **Katherine (Kathy) Leverett (Robinson) Short (donor)**
 - Born: May 27, 1952
 - James (Jim) MacOmber Robinson, Jr.
 - Born: September 28, 1945
 - Thomas (Tom) Blair Robinson
 - Born: July 31, 1949
 - Carol Jane (Robinson) Bromenschenkel
 - Born: November 27, 1958
 - Married: William Bromenschenkel
- Died: 2001
- **John Lewis Blair**
 - Born: March 21, 1821 in Montgomery County, Tennessee
 - Parents:
 - William A. Blair
 - Born: 1792 in Virginia
 - Died: 1858 in Alton, Illinois
 - Mary Lewis (Brodie) Blair
 - Born: 1794 in North Carolina
 - Father: Dr. John Brodie
 - Died: 1864
 - Places lived:
 - Montgomery County, Tennessee (1821-1835)
 - Greene County, Illinois (1835-1848)
 - Alton, Illinois (1848-1919)
 - Education:
 - Waverly Academy (Morgan County, Illinois)
 - Illinois College (Jacksonville, Illinois)
 - Married:
 - 1st wife: February 17, 1846 to Lucy Ballinger in Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois
 - Born: October 12, 1827 in Garrett County, Kentucky
 - Parents:
 - Henry Ballinger
 - Lucy (Jeffries) Ballinger
 - Died: Sometime before 1855
 - 2nd wife: October 30, 1855 to Sarah Elizabeth (Atwood) Blair
 - Born: 1829
 - Parents:
 - Rev. John Atwood
 - Born: 1795

- Lydia (Dodge) Atwood
 - Born: 1806
 - Father: Deacon Solomon Dodge
 - Born: August 1, 1777 in New Boston, New Hampshire
 - Died: March 6, 1853 in New Boston, New Hampshire
 - Mother: Elizabeth Dodge
- Siblings:
 - Ann Judson Atwood
 - Solomon Dodge Atwood
 - Mary Frances Atwood
 - Lydia Dodge Atwood
 - Roger Williams Atwood
- Siblings: William A. Blair
- Children:
 - Edmund Hugh Blair
 - Harriet Blair
 - Born: September 8, 1853 in Alton, Illinois
 - Unmarried
 - Died: from pulmonary and throat troubles
 - John W. Blair
 - Born: November 30, 1858 in Alton, Illinois
 - Unmarried
 - Education:
 - Alton High School
 - Shurtleff College
 - Employment:
 - Traveling agent for E.R. Durkie & Co.
 - Died: April 28, 1882 from malaria in New Orleans, Louisiana
 - Lilian (Blair) Caldwell
 - Born: 1866
 - Married: Ebenezer Marsh Caldwell in Alton, Illinois
 - Children:
 - Harriet Blair Caldwell
 - Myra Marsh Caldwell
 - Married: Dinsmore Wood
 - Children:
 - Mary Annette Wood
 - Sanborn (Sandy) Dinsmore Wood
 - Married: June 19, 1960 to Barbara Joan (Eklund) Wood in Summit, New Jersey
 - Died: April 5, 1946 at 80 years old from a heart attack in St. Louis, Missouri

- Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Blair
 - Born: 1870 in Alton, Illinois
 - Unmarried
 - Employment: Librarian at Shurtleff College
 - Died: April 1934 in Alton, Illinois
- Edith M. Blair
 - Born: November 6, 1871 in Alton, Illinois
 - Education: Shurtleff College
 - Occupations:
 - Worked in the office of the Illinois Glass Company
 - Operated antique and gift shops in Alton, Illinois and Michigan
 - Died: June 7, 1963(?)
- Lucy (Blair) Edwards
 - Died: March 19, 1915 (93 years old) in Alton, Illinois

Other Brown family members

- **Edmund Moody Brown**
 - Married: Mary Ann (Treadwell) Brown
 - Children:
 - Sarah Eliz. (Brown) Donnell
 - Married: M. Samuel Donnell
 - Josiah T. Brown
 - Charles W. Brown
 - Horace H. Brown
 - James Brown
 - Washington Brown
 - Died: July 28, 1883
- **Josiah Perkins Brown**
 - Parents: Josiah and Sarah (Clark) Brown
 - Children:
 - Eliza Ann Brown
 - Ann Eliza Brown
- **Other Abbott family members**
 - John Blair Abbott
 - Born: circa 1891 in St. Louis, Missouri
 - Parents:
 - Augustus Levi Abbott
 - Annette (Blair) Abbott

- Siblings:
 - Preston Abbott
 - Marjorie (Abbott) Hague
 - Children:
 - Bart Hague
 - Ann (Hague) Alley
- Education:
 - Saumur (French artillery school)
 - Brown University
 - Harvard University, Law school
- Occupation: Attorney
- Military service:
 - Lieutenant, 10th Field Artillery, World War I
- Organizations:
 - Winslow Lewis Lodge of Masons
 - Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine
 - Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts
- Died: March 16, 1968 (77 years old) in Boston, Massachusetts

- **Other family members**
 - Annette Blair Abbott
 - Julia Edwards
 - Lilian Blair
 - John Blair Abbott
 - John Blair Edwards
 - Marjory Abbott