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A further search has now been completed, and has again met with a good deal of success. The search was chiefly directed towards deeds, and in particular towards deeds during the first half of the eighteenth century. The deeds found show that William Blair was resident at Dunmanway in Co Cork between at least 1719 and 1739, and show that he owned the lands of Kilbarry and Clounties, both of which properties were subsequently owned by Richard Blair of Bantry, thus confirming the belief that Richard was his son. William Blair's marriage settlement was found, dated 30 December 1719 - from the wording it seems to have been executed shortly after the marriage - but unfortunately this does not state the parentage of his wife, Sarah White. Every indication, however, is that she was a daughter of Richard White of Whiddy, and this doubtless accounts for the appearance of the name Richard amongst the Blairs. Even more interesting, was the discovery of a deed of 1713 whereby the Revd John Patrickson of Dunmanway conveyed his interest in Courcullaght to his nephew William Blair, the son of his sister Elinor, thereby fully confirming the traditional belief in this relationship.

Three more Blair items were found in the Index to Cloyne Marriage Licence Bonds, and several more - some