

Time did not permit of searches earlier than this. The name Blair is rare in Co. Cork, most persons of that name having resided either in Dublin or in the northern part of Ireland. Nevertheless, it is clear that there have been Blairs in Cork since the early 18th century, since not only is there a marriage licence for "William Blair and Sarah White" in 1719, but the following entry occurs in the records of the University of Dublin:

"Richard Blaire, Pensioner (educ. Dr Chinnery), matric. 6 March 1739-40. No further particulars."

Though no place of origin is given, Dr Chinnery was one of the most distinguished schoolmasters in Cork, and was at this date headmaster of the Bandon Grammar School. Possibly the above Richard may be identical with the first Richard shown on the pedigree.

Time did not permit of further extensive searches in the deeds or elsewhere: it is obvious that there was a relationship with the Whites of Bantry, and it is also apparent that the name Tonson entered the Blairs through the Lewis family. Further searches could be carried out, both into Blair and into the allied families if required.

Meanwhile it is hoped that the attached pedigree and the material given in the appendix to this report will prove of interest and assistance.