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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Reverend D.B. Blair was born in Strachur on Loch Fyne, Argyleshire, Scotland, to John Blair and Catherine MacGregor. His father was employed as manager of a large sheep farm. Blair received his education at Edinburgh University and was licensed to preach in 1844. Two years later he left Scotland for Barney's River, Pictou County, where he was ordained on 29 October 1846. From 1850-1890 he preached at the Free Church congregation established in Barney's River, which derived from the Garden of Eden, Blue Mountain and Barney's River, and was named "Blair Presbyterian Church" in his honour. In 1851 he married Mary Sibella of Brolas, Mull, Argyleshire. She died in 1882. They had six children: Anna Margaret, Thomas Chalmers, Laughlan MacLean, John Knox, Ewan Alexander and David Welsh. Blair was considered, in his day, to be the best Gaelic scholar in North America. He died in 1893 and is buried at Laggan, Pictou County.

Custodial history

Letter was donated by Elinor K. Clifford of Bethel, Vermont, and accessioned by the Archives in 1974.

Scope and content

Blair's letter discusses the spread of the Evangelical ministry amongst the Gaelic people of Cape Breton.

Notes

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The Special Collections Department of the Killam Memorial Library holds copies of Blair's published work.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Presbyterian Church (subject)
- Emigration and immigration (subject)
- Cape Breton Island (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings
