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Born at Meadsville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1839.

Son of Patrick and Margaret Blair, natives Of Scotland. Married

_____ at _____ on _____
_____18____. Children _____

Testified at Phoenix on January 2, 1889, that he was engaged in mining in what is now Yavapai County, Arizona, in 1863 and that in November of that year he was at the ranch of A. H. Peeples when the Apaches broke down the corral and stole 25 horses; he, with James S. Chase and Peeples, joined an expedition which pursued the Indians and killed 28 of them; in an article about Colonel King S. Woolsey and the fight with the Apaches at Bloody Tanks printed in the Phoenix Herald on April 30, 1891, Colonel C. D. Poston stated:

"The only members of the Woolsey expedition that I know of remaining in Arizona are Peeples of Phoenix, Chase Of Antelope, and Blair of Florence."

The Great Register of Pinal County lists him as a voter at Florence in 1886 and 1894; The Florence Arizona Enterprise of December 1, 1888, stated that "Commodore W. P. Blair came down from his ranch above Riverside suffering from asthma;" according to the death certificate signed by R. A. Blair of 916 Gregory Street, Los Angeles; he had been a resident of California for 18 years at the time of his death.

Died, as the result of an automobile accident, in the County Hospital at Los Angeles, California, August 23, 1917, aged 78.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

U. S. Court of Claims - Indian depredation docket No. 6253 (Peeples)
California Bureau of Vital Statistics - No. 758,898.
The Los Angeles Times, August 25, 1917, 10:7 (death notice)