

History of a Place Called Rescue

Blair

Delmont Eli Blair, Sr., was born on April 28, 1850 in Castle Creek, New York. We are not sure when Delmont and his brother, Oscar, traveled to California, but the 1880 census indicates Delmont was in Sonora, California, during the count.

Mary Ellen Smith (daughter of Edward H. Smith) was an organist at the St. Michael's Church on the south end of Starbuck Road. She married Delmont Blair on February 18, 1886 at St. Michael's; they had four children: George Oscar, Martha Ann, Delmont Eli, Jr., and Frances Mary. All four children were born in Deer Valley, probably on the Edward Smith Place.

Oscar Blair died in 1896.

George Oscar Blair married Myrtle E. Nertz on May 1, 1915, in Placerville. They had two children: Martha Mae Blair and Delmont Oscar Nertz Blair. George was married for a second time to Velma Mabel Grigsby, from Chico, CA. They did not have any children. George died on October 9, 1952, and is buried in Jayhawk Cemetery. Velma (Grigsby) Blair died October 8, 1951; she, too, is buried in Jayhawk Cemetery.

Martha Ann Blair was born on June 19, 1888. On February 15, 1919, she married John Caesar Forni; they had one son: John Delmont Forni.

Delmont Eli Blair, Jr., married Hazel Addell Dugan on May 31, 1919 in San Francisco.

Frances Mary Blair never married. She died on August 29, 1896; she is buried in Jayhawk.

(For more information on the family, see the Edward H. Smith Family Tree, page 301.)



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