

Questions about Flatware given to Mallory Blair by Bell County Bar Assn.

A 1912 graduate of The University of Texas School of Law, **Judge Mallory B. Blair** practiced in Belton, TX for a brief period before being elected county judge in 1916, and then judge of the 27th Judicial District Court of Texas in 1921. In 1923, Judge Blair was elected to the 3rd Court of Appeals of Texas, along with two other new justices, Judge James W. McClendon and Judge James Harvey Baugh. The three justices served together on the Court for twenty-three consecutive years, a near record in Texas history, and are frequently referred to as "The Great Triumvirate." Judge Blair was defeated for reelection in 1947. In mid-1947, President Truman appointed Blair to serve on a 3-judge panel that would preside over Case No. 3: *U.S. v. Joseph Alstötter et al.*, at the Nuremberg War Crime Trials.

Through input from various UPC members, guesses and suggestions we concluded that Judge and Mrs Blair (who received this gift for their wedding) were the Grandparents of Mallory Randall. address is 10425 Tasajillo Cove, Austin, 78739-1480. Phone: (512) 585-2446

Mal's mother's maiden name was Sarah Blair; she was the third wife of Chrys Daugherty and came to worship at UPC with Chrys after their marriage. She was a gracious and beautiful woman, having been identified as a Sweetheart of UT in her days at the University. Our pastors (myself included) visited her in her home when she was ill but we believe she retained her membership at University Methodist where she and her first husband Judge Randle had raised their family. She died in 1997.

After her death, Mal would often come to worship with Chrys and later with his wife Kathy. They made some connections with members of the Faith and Life Class and he enjoyed his participation with the men's retreats we had for awhile. Once San left, he lost his sense of connection, he and Kathy moved farther South and stopped attending, although he follows the UPC family on Facebook.

After calling him and getting the family history straight, he said he felt the flatware must have been brought to the church by someone from Chrys' family because the last time he remembers seeing it was when it was in his Mother and Chrys' home on Greenlanes after her passing.