

LAIRD BRANCHES

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LFA Members **Earliest Known Laird Ancestors**

Alexander Laird

- 1 Alexander LAIRD b. about 1697 Houston and Kilellan m. 20 Feb 1722 Houston and Kilellan, Renfrewshire Margaret WALLACE
- 2 John LAIRD b. 28 Sep 1735 Houston and Kilellan, Renfrewshire m. 12 August, 1760 Houston and Kilellan Catharine LANG b. 1733 Erskine, Renfrewshire
- 3 Janet LAIRD b. 1 Oct, 1761 Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire
- 3 Margaret LAIRD b. 11 Sep 1763 Port Glasgow, Renfrew d. after 1822 m. Feb, 1797 Abbey, Paisley, Renfrew John SWAN b. about 1753 d. before 1822 Margaret was the second wife of John Swan. He had three daughters by his first marriage, Agnes, Mary and Helen In Jan 1822 she was already a widow of John Swan and was living At Newton St., near Maxwellton, Paisley, Renfrewshire. see Sasine Abridgement of Jan 3 1822 (ref. Renfrew Sasines. 1821-30 no. 551)
- 3 John LAIRD b. 13 May 1766 Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire d. before 1856 m. 12 June 1814 Erskine, Renfrewshire Mary HOLM b. 18 Oct, 1779 Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire d. 5 Feb 1859 Bridgeton, Glasgow, Lanarks Seized in ground in Stobbs in Paisley Old (Abbey) Parish, Paisley in 1822 per Sasine bridgement of 3 Jan 1822
- 3 girl LAIRD b. 4 May, 1772 Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire

Descendants of: John LAIRD (b 1766) above

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 3 Catharine Lang LAIRD b. 5 Aug 1815 Erskine, Renfrew m. 9 Jun 1833 Paisley, Renfrew John PEARSON
 3 John LAIRD b. 7 Oct 1818 Erskine, Renfrew d. 30 June 1868 Partick, Glasgow m. Helen BLAIR b. 1822 Paisley, Renfrewshire d. 28 Nov 1877 Kelvin, Glasgow
 3 George LAIRD b. 12 Mar 1821 Erskine, Renfrewshire d. 14 Feb 1897, 137 Greenhead St., Bridgeton, Glasgow m. 6 Oct 1857 Bridgeton, Glasgow Margaret DONALD b. 17 Aug 1836, Barony, Lanarks d. 1913 Broderick, Arran Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire.
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Alexander Laird

My earliest known Laird ancestor is:

1. Alexander¹ Laird was born about 1755 and died before 1862. He married Elizabeth Russell in Larbert, 12 August 1780. Alexander Laird and Elizabeth Russell had the following children:
 - 2 i. Robert² Laird was born in Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland 13 July 1781.
 - 3 ii. David Laird was born in Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland 19 January 1783. David died of a variety of ailments on 20 September 1862 in Glasgow, Scotland at 79 years of age. His death extract lists paralysis, chronic bronchitis, and general debility in the space provided for cause of death. David's death is reported by his son James Laird of Cambuslang. He married Alison McKeith, presumably in Larbert, about 1802. This is purely an estimate, as no evidence of this marriage has been found. Alison was born about 1781. Alison was the daughter of James McKeith. Alison died of enteritis on 20 December 1860 in Glasgow, at 79 years of age. Her son-in-law Robert Nisbet reports the death, which may explain the lack of a mother's name on the extract. Her body was interred 20 December 1860 at the Southern Necropolis in Glasgow.
 - 4 iii. Abraham Laird was born in Larbert 5 April 1786.
 - 5 iv. John Laird was born in Larbert 6 April 1788. John died 20 September 1862 in Graham's Row, Cathcart, at 74 years of age. He married Agnes Dobbie. Agnes died after 1871.
 - 6 v. Alexander Laird was born in Larbert 7 June 1789.
 - 7 vi. William Laird was born in Larbert 27 April 1791.
 - 8 vii. James Laird was born in Larbert 1 May 1793.
 - 9 viii. Thomas Laird was born in Larbert 20 December 1796. Thomas died 12 April 1857 in Glasgow, at 60 years of age. His body was interred in Glasgow, Southern Necropolis.
 - 10 ix. John Laird was born in Larbert 14 March 1801.

11 x. James 2 Laird was born in Larbert 1 June 1803.

The Old Parish Registers for Larbert don't contain any earlier information for this family, so I doubt I can find any ancestors for Alexander.

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Andrew Laird

Earliest known Laird is Andrew Laird, born April 15, 1842 Northern Ireland. Son, William Jameson Laird born June 5 1884 Mercer Co., IL Son, William Eugene Laird b 1907 Good Hope, IL

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Andrew Lawrence Laird

Andrew Lawrence LAIRD b1843 Larbert Stirling.

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Andro Laird.

As I think I may have mentioned before, the earliest record I have is the following:
CANNESBAY SESSION RECORDS MAR 1652/FEB 1666

During the Ministry of William Davidson

LAIRD, ANDRO 09.53 bpt ISSOBELL : Dvd. McBEATH, Wm HARPAP in
Dungasbey

You can read more on my website under "Our Caithness origins" and then
"Canisbay Kirk" - its modern spelling. Yours aye

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Archibald Laird.

Archibald Laird, b. Mar 22, 1816, d. Nov 17, 1884, (the 1850 census says he was born in Kentucky), married Malinda (or Melinda) Graham. Children: R. Alec, Edward A., Hiram Winfield (my great-granfather), Thomas J., Franklin P., George A., Sarah F., Emely (or Emily).

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Ashley Hewit Laird

Ashley Hewitt Laird (1816 NC-1876 AL) m Mary Cargile in 1843 in AL then wife 2 Rebecca Burchfield in 1860 in AL. This is family knowledge varified by census and AL marriage records. Family Legend tells he showed up one day in Jefferson Co. AL on an expensive horse and would tell no one anything about his origins his whole life. DOES ANYONE OUT THERE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS MAN's ORIGINS?

My lineage is his son James Knox Polk Laird's daughter Margaret Virginia Laird m WB Parsons then their daughter Margaret Virginia Parsons m JE Bray then me.

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Charles T. Laird.

This is my oldest ancestor that I have found information on with the help of Ronald Laird a distant cousin of mine. I would love to find any more people who know about my connections or colaborate with others who ran across some information. I have more information on Annie but not on the Laird side. Thanks so much.

Charles T. Laird born 1872 Illinois (Southern Illinois?) Married 31 October 1897 in Knoxville Mo. to Annie Vinsant daughter of John Wesley Vinsant and Lydia Ann Bailey Moved in 1901 to Webster County IA died 22 May 1958 Fort Dodge, IA. Children: Alma Laird d 23 Dec 1942, Mary Ester Laird, Lydia Laird, Jenny Laird m. Raymond Mayfield, Virgil Emerson Laird b 1903 d 18 Feb 1984 m Grace Martin 24 Feb 1923, Wesley Charles Laird b 21 Jan 1910 d 1974 m Mary Ann Slawson 1936, I assume it is Southern Ill because of its nearness to Knoxville, Mo. I have no idea what his Fathers name was. I know that he had at least one brother, and one sister. I believe both the brother and sister died before he did in 1958.

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David Lard

Earliest known ancestor is David Lard who came from Ireland with wife, whose maiden name was McLaughlin, and settled "near Hartford." He fought and died in the Revolution (I can find no record that I can be sure is my ancestor.) "Near Hartford" could be in Connecticut or Massachusetts. He had two sons, both of whom were "bound out" and raised by others after the father's death. David-"the older"-nothing more is known. Samuel-born 1770/1771 in Connecticut, died 11 Feb 1838 Jennings County, Indiana married 1st Rebecca Hammond and 2nd Mary Williams (Hughes) Rector. Samuel moved from Connecticut to Warren, Vermont about 1796 and from there to Hancock, Vermont, Otsego County, New York, and finally Jennings County, Indiana. I am researching Samuel's life and descendants, and would appreciate any contact with descendants of any of his children. They are: (children by first wife) Julia Philory Lard, a.k.a. Julia R. Lard,) born 1802; married James Hammond. Samuel Adams Lard, born 1804; married Margaret Bright, Horatio Nelson Lard, born 1806; married Hannah

Stonematz and Elizabeth Ann Waldsmith, Charles Rodney Lard (a.k.a. Charles Kendall Lard," born 1808; married Jane Dinwiddie and Sarah Zenor. Children by second wife: Benjamin Franklin Lard, born 1829, Joseph Warren Lard, born 1831, Isaac Williams Lard, died young.

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Fred Laird

My earliest known Laird is Fred Laird, he was a farmer, from Benton, IL. He was married to Sarah Paige (Page), also of Benton. I only know of one child of Fred and Sarah, F.A.(first name is Fred also) Laird. F.A. was married to Edna Munday, also from Benton.

I have no birth dates or anything on Fred and Sarah. F.A. was born in 1887 - 1889. F.A. and Edna were married on Jan.28,1908. F.A. and Edna had twin sons born in July of 1910, one of which died at birth, the other being named Russell Webb Laird.

Russell married Irma Marie Vaughn from Paragould, Ark. They had several children. Then in 1945, Russell left his family and was never heard from again. He was later found deceased in Chicago, IL. He had died in the 1970's.

If anyone should happen to have any info. on this Laird line, it would be a blessing, as I have ran into brick walls every way I go in this particular search. Thank you.

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George Washington Laird.

My oldest known Laird is George Washington Laird b Nov 1839 in Philadelphia, PA. He was m abt 1863 to Martha Emily Robinson b Jul 1840 PA. George had a sister, Elizabeth Laird, b May 1850 in Philadelphia, PA who was listed in the 1900 census. George & Martha had seven (7) children (b in New York) as follows:

- 1) William Robinson Laird b 1863/64 in Whitestone, Queens Co, NY who m Sarah Bennett b Aug 1868 in Great Malvern, Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, England
- 2) George W. Laird b 1867 NY
- 3) Charles B. Laird b 1875 NY
- 4) Harry E. Laird b 1883 NY
- 5) Arthur Laird d bef 1900 NY
- 6) Moses Laird d bef 1900 NY
- 7) Elizabeth Laird d bef 1900 NY

Notes:

According to family tradition there were three brothers - Lairds from Scotland - who came to America in the early 1800's. One son who was the father of George Washington Laird remained in the New York area, one son traveled south (Mississippi ?), and the other son traveled west. It has been thought by the family that the Lairds in Maryland are related. Two or three of these Lairds married into the Dupont family. The Laird who

traveled west pioneered in the fur trade, along with the first John Jacob Astor. The 1900 census, however, indicates that the father of George Washington Laird was born in Ireland and his mother was born in Delaware.

With regards to Martha Emily Robinson it was told to her grandchildren that the Robinsons were well-to-do and had cousins and aunts in England among which were some titled people, two of whom attended the Court of Queen Victoria. The natural inclination to keep up a high social standing for the family resulted in an estrangement from the family when Martha Emily Robinson married George Washington Laird who was a person of trade and not considered socially proper. The 1900 census indicated that her name was Martha M., and that her father was born in Ireland and her mother in England. This also showed that she had 7 children and that 4 were living at the time of the census.

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Glover Laird.

Glover Laird, born 1782 in Ireland. Came to the United States about 1850. Married Sa(e)mantha Wolcott. Lived in Butler Co. Ohio and St. Joseph Co. Michigan. Semantha died in Michigan and is buried there. Glover went back to CT. and married Olive Hinnman. Glover died in 1873 and is buried in South Britian Cemetery in Southbury CT. Glover and Semantha's children were: Henry W., Gilbert, Jane, Glover, Michael, John, Anna, Mary, and James.

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Hezekiah Lard

My earliest known Laird ancestors: Hezekiah Lard, & Patsey Carter, 2 Oct 1817, Barren County, Kentucky. They had a daughter: Elizabeth - born March 11, 1831 in Hart Co., KY, and died on the farm near Milan, Kansas on July 30, 1912 at the age of 81.

OBITUARY FROM THE MILAN NEWS, Milan Kansas

Death of Mrs. J. R. U. Crabb August 1, 1912 - Milan News

Miss Elizabeth Laird was born in Hart County, Kentucky, March 11, 1831, and died at her home near Milan, Kansas, July 30, 1912, aged 81 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Early in life Mrs. Crabb dedicated her life to God through faith in Jesus Christ and united with the United Baptist church in Barren county, Kentucky. She has been since that time a constant and faithful member of the church.

She was united in marriage to Mr. J. R. U. Crabb, July 11, 1857. To this union six children were born, of which two died in infancy, one boy at the age of thirteen and one daughter after she was grown. Two daughters still remain, one is married and lives in Kentucky and the other is still at home.

Mrs. Crabb has been ill for a number of years and everything that cheerful hands, loving hearts and the best of medical skill was done, but all in vain. A good woman has gone to her reward leaving behind a sorrowing husband, two daughters and a host of friends.

Funerals services were conducted in the Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, by the pastor, F. G. Wilkerson. Interment was made in the Milan cemetery.

The entire community extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and relatives.

(NOTE) Elizabeth was first married to a ??? JONES and had at least one son, Willis. As she remarried when Willis was about four, her first husband must have died young, or disappeared, or they divorced. As you can see, there is no mention of her first marriage in the obituary, nor her son Willis, who then lived in Oklahoma. Perhaps there was an estrangement. Joseph Crabb and his daughter went back to KY, and died in Barren Co.

1870 Crabb Census Record Page 17 Dwelling # 117 Family # 114 Temple Hill Post Office

Crabb, Joseph R. U. 32, M, W. Farmer, blank, 1200 personal property, born KY,
Elizabeth 36, F, W housekeeping,
Daniel W. 12, M, W
Martha S 10, F, W
Sallie A. 8, F, W
Bettie 4, F, W,
Patcy (?) C 70, F, W, housekeeping

Willis Washington Jones family off of the group sheet. Born Mar. 28, 1853 born Illinois(?) (this is doubtful) died Sept 26, 1929 Sapulpa, OK (this is certain, I have the death certificate.) Our cousin in Oklahoma said he was born in Illinois, but I doubt that. Wife Martha Ellen Smith (shown above with her parents and siblings.)

Sept 03, 1852 died July 23, 1898

Evan Butler Jones M April 1, 1877 (He married my grandma's sister, brothers married sisters.)

Pearl Jones F January 12, 1879

Warner LaRue Jones M March 13, 1880 (This is my mom's dad)

Ethel Jones F November, 10, 1888

Elizabeth (Dick) Jones F November 10, 1888

Myrtle Jones F Oct. 17, 1889

Willis Lafayette Jones M May 23, 1891

George Edward Jones M Jan. 23, 1894

Hazel Ophelia Jones F Feb. 11, 1886

Willis W. Jones 2nd wife, and second family. (There was a third son later, William)

Jones, Washington W. Hd Male Age 57 born KY fthr brn US. mtr brn U.S.

Eliza C. wife white Age 40 # of yrs of present marriage 2 (or 7 not a good copy)

Bessie B age 18 born KY mtr & ftr born in KY

Vechel N. age 6, born Oklahoma parents born KY

Richard T age 1, born Oklahoma parents KY

I am curious to know if this Hezekiah Lard is the same Hezakiah that later married Patsey Carter!!

Hezekiah Lard, & Caty Pursley, 3 Jan 1793, Nelson County, Kentucky.

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James Laird

James Laird (1764-1826) of Trumbull County, Ohio

James Laird of Trumbull County was born in 1764, probably somewhere in Pennsylvania. He died in Mesopotamia, Trumbull, Ohio, in 1826. The years in which he was born and died are from the gravestone he shares with his wife. The birthplace and parents of James Laird are not known.

James Laird married Elizabeth Crawford in Peters, Washington, Pa., around 1788. Elizabeth was born in Chester County, Pa., in 1764 and died in Mesopotamia in 1826, about two weeks before her husband. The years of birth and death of Elizabeth are also from the gravestone.

Elizabeth (Crawford) Laird was the eldest daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Morrison) Crawford of North Strabane, Washington, Pa. Josiah's father is thought to have been James Crawford of Chester County, Pa.; his mother is unknown. Margaret Morrison's father was Guyon (Gavin) Morrison, Sr., of East Nottingham, Chester, Pa.; her mother is thought to have been Margaret Wilson. A number of the descendants of Guyon Morrison, Sr., removed from Chester County to Peters, Washington, Pa., in the early 1770s. James Laird was in Peters from at least as early as 1780 until 1811. Peters adjoins North Strabane.

James and Elizabeth (Crawford) Laird of Trumbull County, Ohio, had the following issue, all born in Peters. Washington County, Pa.: Josiah (1789); Rachel (1790), who married (1) Seth Morrison, a cousin, and (2) John Chambers; John (1792); Matthew (1794); Andrew (1796), who married Tabitha Parish; Margaret (1798), who married _____ Holbrook; Elizabeth (); Mary (1804); James (1807), who married (1) Catherine Cox and (2) Lorain Joslin; and William (1809), who married (1) Hannah Chambers and (2) Mrs. Eliza Sartin.

James Laird and all of his family, with the exception of son Josiah, removed from Washington County, Pa., to Mesopotamia, Trumbull County, Ohio, in 1811. Josiah stayed behind and settled in Beaver County, Pa., remaining there the rest of his life. James Laird's family was the eleventh to settle in Mesopotamia. A number of Crawford and Morrison descendants also settled in Mesopotamia.

The only clues that appear to exist to where James Laird lived before he came to Washington County point tentatively to the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania:

- Ohio local histories and a list of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Ohio identify James Laird as having served in that war, though it is worth noting he was twelve years old at its outbreak. The only James Lairds from Pennsylvania appearing in the Index to Revolutionary War Service Records compiled by Virgil White are a private and a lieutenant, both listed as having served in the 1st Battalion of the Cumberland County Militia.
- A compilation of stories of early women of the Connecticut Western Reserve (north-eastern Ohio) contains the information that Rachel Laird of Mesopotamia went on horseback to Carlisle to settle family matters after the death of her husband Seth Morrison in 1823. Since it appears that the Crawfords and Morrisons associated with James Laird by intermarriage went directly to Washington County from Chester County and did not stop in intermediate areas, the matters Rachel (Laird) Morrison attended to in Carlisle may have pertained to her Laird family.

Whoever he was, the father of James Laird of Trumbull County belonged to the first generation of Lairds of his line born in America. This derives from the statement recorded in a Trumbull County history by William Laird, youngest son of James, that he William was of the third generation born in America.

A James Laird appears in tax lists of Peters, Washington, Pa., in 1780. Since James Laird of Trumbull County was only sixteen in that year, this person may have been his father. Other hypotheses for the identity of James Laird's father start from the names given to his early born sons, particularly ones not common in the maternal family. Such names are John and Matthew. The name Rachel given to the first daughter of James Laird could be another aid to identifying his father: Rachel was infrequent in the Crawford and Morrison families associated with James and distant from the Elizabeth Crawford he married. As a consequence, Rachel may have been a Laird name.

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James Laird

My earliest-known Laird ancestor is James Laird, who was married to Elizabeth Crawford.

He was born in 1757, place unknown, resided in Washington County, PA until 1808, when he moved to Trumbull County, Ohio (town of Mesopotamia). He died in Trumbull County in 1826.

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James Laird

My earliest known Laird ancestor is: James Laird, Sr., b.14 Aug 1792 in Massachusetts
d. 26 Sep 1869 in Massac Co. Il.

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James Laird

Our earliest known Laird ancestors are James Laird and wife Jane who immigrated to Derry Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania abt 1736/7. James Laird died soon after arriving in America as Jane Lard the widow of James Lard received a warrant for 200 acres of land in Derry Township dated 14 Feb 1737. In 1785 this area of Pennsylvania became part of the newly created Dauphin County. The children of James and Jane Laird lived mostly in Lancaster, & Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Our research has centered around the following Laird siblings.

James Laird who married Jane
Mary Laird who married 1st William Snoddy 2nd James Ireland
John Laird who married Agness Black
Matthew Laird who married 1st Rachel Wilkins 2nd Elizabeth
Hugh Laird who married Ann
William Laird who married Martha Wilson
Samuel Laird who married Mary Young

Documentation on this family will appear in the February 2000 issue of Laird Branches.

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James Laird

Generation No. 1

1. HUGH2 LAIRD (JAMES1) was born in Allen Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and died November 09, 1801 in Allen Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married ANNA. She was born Abt. 1740 in Ireland, and died Bef. December 28, 1809 in Allen Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Children of HUGH LAIRD and ANNA are:

2. i. JAMES3 LAIRD, b. December 12, 1753, West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. October 10, 1834, Newville, Cumberland, Pennsylvania.
- ii. ARTHUR LAIRD, b. Abt. 1762, Allen Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania.
3. iii. JANE LAIRD, b. Abt. 1766, Allen Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

4. iv. STEWART LAIRD, b. Abt. 1768, Allen Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

v. WILLIAM LAIRD, b. Abt. 1770, Allen Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

vi. SAMUEL LAIRD.

Generation No. 2

2. JAMES³ LAIRD (HUGH², JAMES¹) was born December 12, 1753 in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and died October 10, 1834 in Newville, Cumberland, Pennsylvania. He married (1) JANE MCCLURE Abt. 1786 in Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, daughter of ROBERT MCCLURE and MARGARET DOUGLAS. She was born August 19, 1763 in West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania, and died Bef. 1802 in Frankford, Cumberland, Pennsylvania. He married (2) CATHARINE ALLEN May 1802 in Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. She was born June 1764 in Baltimore, Maryland, and died January 15, 1850 in Frankford, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Children of JAMES LAIRD and JANE MCCLURE are:

i. HUGH⁴ LAIRD, b. January 08, 1787, Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. September 30, 1815, Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

ii. ROBERT LAIRD, b. November 11, 1788, Frankford, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. January 15, 1848, Frankford, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

5. iii. MARGARET LAIRD, b. December 09, 1790, West Pennsboro, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. May 30, 1855, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

iv. ANNA LAIRD, b. December 10, 1791, Frankford, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. September 17, 1867, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; m. (1) JAMES LOGAN, March 23, 1824, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; b. 1782; d. October 26, 1828, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; m. (2) JAMES DAVIDSON, April 15, 1831; b. 1790, Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. September 27, 1858, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

v. THOMAS LAIRD, b. April 20, 1794, Frankford, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. April 19, 1830, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

vi. JANE LAIRD, b. July 26, 1797.

vii. JAMES LAIRD, b. July 26, 1797; d. July 31, 1797.

Children of JAMES LAIRD and CATHARINE ALLEN are:

viii. MARY⁴ LAIRD, b. Aft. 1802.

ix. JOHN LAIRD, b. Aft. 1803.

3. JANE³ LAIRD (HUGH², JAMES¹) was born Abt. 1766 in Allen Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania. She married WILLIAM MCMEEN.

Children of JANE LAIRD and WILLIAM MCMEEN are:

i. ANN⁴ MCMEEN.

ii. GRIZZEL MCMEEN.

4. STEWART³ LAIRD (HUGH², JAMES¹) was born Abt. 1768 in Allen Township, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and died in Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

Children of STEWART LAIRD are:

i. WILSON⁴ LAIRD.

ii. PRISCILLA LAIRD, m. HUSBAND ROBINSON.

iii. THOMAS LAIRD.

iv. HUGH LAIRD.

v. SAMUEL LAIRD.

Generation No. 3

5. MARGARET⁴ LAIRD (JAMES³, HUGH², JAMES¹) was born December 09, 1790 in West Pennsboro, Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and died May 30, 1855 in Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. She married JOHN MCDOWELL March 12, 1818 in Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, son of JOHN MCDOWELL and MARGARET HUTTON. He was born November 13, 1778 in West Pennsboro, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and died June 29, 1829 in Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Children of MARGARET LAIRD and JOHN MCDOWELL are:

6. i. MARGARET⁵ MCDOWELL, b. June 29, 1819, Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

ii. JANE MCDOWELL, b. January 23, 1821, West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland

County, Pennsylvania; d. February 19, 1892, Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA.

iii. JOHN MCDOWELL, b. November 30, 1822; d. July 27, 1857, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

iv. MARY MCDOWELL, b. October 04, 1824, West Pennsboro, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; d. August 12, 1880, Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA.

7. v. JAMES LAIRD MCDOWELL, b. October 29, 1826, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. December 21, 1904, Elkton, Colorado.

vi. SAMUEL ALEXANDER MCDOWELL, b. October 20, 1828, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. January 03, 1887, Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; m. HESTER MCCLELLAN, September 12, 1860, Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; b. Abt. 1830, Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa; d. Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Generation No. 4

6. MARGARET⁵ MCDOWELL (MARGARET⁴ LAIRD, JAMES³, HUGH², JAMES¹) was born June 29, 1819 in Frankford Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. She married ISAIAH GRAHAM MACFARLANE January 01, 1845, son of JOHN MACFARLANE and MARTHA GRAHAM. He was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Children of MARGARET MCDOWELL and ISAIAH MACFARLANE are:

i. ELIZABETH⁶ MACFARLANE, b. April 03; m. JAMES I. BUCHANAN.

ii. JOHN FINLEY MACFARLANE, b. October 22, 1845; d. Abt. 1874.

iii. ANNA MARY MACFARLANE, b. September 25, 1847; m. ELIAKIM TORRANCE, September 22, 1868.

iv. JAMES GRAHAM MACFARLANE, b. December 02, 1848.

v. MARGARET LAIRD MACFARLANE, b. April 18, 1851; m. JOHN MITCHELL PATTERSON, October 29, 1874.

vi. MARTHA ALICE MACFARLANE, b. June 14, 1853; d. May 15, 1889.

vii. SAMUEL STARRETT MACFARLANE, b. April 22, 1860; m. IDA WILLET, June 27, 1887.

7. JAMES LAIRD⁵ MCDOWELL (MARGARET⁴ LAIRD, JAMES³, HUGH², JAMES¹) was born October 29, 1826 in Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania,

and died December 21, 1904 in Elkton, Colorado. He married (1) MARY ISABELLA BLEAN August 12, 1862 in Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, daughter of ROBERT BLEAN and MARGARET SCOLLER. She was born March 07, 1836 in Pennsylvania, and died February 12, 1865 in Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, 28 years 11 months 5 days. He married (2) DORCAS ROSELINA COLLINS October 10, 1867, daughter of DAVID COLLINS and MARY MANIFOLD. She was born October 22, 1837 in Pennsylvania, and died July 26, 1894 in Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas.

Children of JAMES MCDOWELL and MARY BLEAN are:

- i. MARGARET LAIRD⁶ MCDOWELL, b. July 29, 1863, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. April 07, 1884, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, 20 year 8 months and 8 days.
- ii. ROBERT BLEAN MCDOWELL, b. January 25, 1865, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. February 01, 1865, Newville, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Children of JAMES MCDOWELL and DORCAS COLLINS are:

- iii. RALPH EWING⁶ MCDOWELL, b. October 01, 1868, Leavenworth, Kansas; d. August 12, 1902, Fort Clark, Texas.
- iv. JAMES LAIRD MCDOWELL JR., b. May 30, 1871, Nortonville, Jefferson County, Kansas; d. Abt. 1951, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona; m. TENA WAYNE KNOX, January 03, 1899; b. November 23, 1873, Clyde, Cloud County, Kansas; d. December 12, 1963, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.
- v. DAVID COLLINS MCDOWELL, b. April 09, 1873, Nortonville, Jefferson County, Kansas; d. May 26, 1949, Billings, Montana; m. ELIZABETH LEE STINGLEY, March 1899, Cripple Creek, Colorado; d. Billings, Montana.
- vi. ROSE EDITH MCDOWELL, b. March 20, 1875, Nortonville, Jefferson County, Kansas; d. 1966, Freemont, California; m. GEORGE HELDER, November 16, 1914, Victor, Colorado; b. October 29, 1872; d. 1942.
- vii. SAMUEL ALEXANDER MCDOWELL, b. April 14, 1877, Nortonville, Jefferson County, Kansas; d. May 23, 1959, Billings, Montana; m. DAISY DAY, October 16, 1912, Onaga, Kansas; b. October 15, 1876, Onaga, Kansas; d. April 19, 1982, Billings, Montana.
- viii. GEORGE GARFIELD MCDOWELL, b. May 18, 1879, Nortonville, Jefferson County, Kansas; d. Russia; m. TONY, Unknown, George Married in Russia, his old mother-in-law was a baptist--unhappy; b. Russia.

ix. EDWARD PURCELL MCDOWELL, b. January 12, 1882, Nortonville, Jefferson County, Kansas; d. February 02, 1949, Billings, Montana; m. FREDIA PATTERSON.

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Jessee Laird

The earliest known Laird in my family according to the 1850 Smith County census in Ms. is my gggrandfather Jesse Lard. Born about 1797 in S.C. He was married to Susan ?. Born about 1811 in Tenn. Don't know what her maiden name was. As far as I know is that they had 9 (nine) children, Polly, Elliah, Josiah (whom was my ggrandfather) Martha, John, Rebecca, Herman, Sarah, and Singleton. Don't know when or where my ggrandfather was born or buried. We think he was born about 1834 and died about 1911. His Wife Louisa A. Diggs was born April 26, 1843 and died June 01, 1904. She was buried at Searcy Cemetery in Pulaski, Ms., Scott County.

They had 6 (six) children,

1. Thomas Sylvester Laird, b. January 13, 1865; d. August 29, 1941, Rankin County, Ms, buried at Dry Creek Cemetery in Rankin County.
2. Molley Laird, b. Abt. 1866
3. Martha Laird, b. Abt 1871
4. Claricy Laird, b. Abt. 1875
5. Robert Benjamin Laird, b. Abt. 1877; d. January 13, 1941, Morton, Ms. Clinic in Scott County, buried at Searcy Cemetery.
6. Jesse Laird, b. Unknown; Was killed by a train in Louisiana, buried some where around Delhi, Louisiana

Thomas Sylvester Laird (my grandfather) married the first time to my grandmother Anne Elizabeth Rogers born to J.D. and Appie Rogers. She was born October 28, 1879 and died March 14, 1906 and buried at Barron-Gatlin Cemetery in Rankin County, Ms. They had 4 (four) children.

1. Dora Elizabeth Laird, b. October 08, 1892; d. March 14, 1937, buried in Jackson, Ms.
2. John Sylvester Laird, my father, b. March 31, 1897 in Rankin County, Ms.; d. June 17, 1979, buried in Lexington, Ms.
3. Della Laird, b. May 10, 1898; d. January 12, 1950, buried in Jackson, Ms.
4. Jesse Dillard Laird, b. December 12, 1901; d. September 04, 1976, buried in Twentynine Palms, California.

He married Martha Graves the second time. She was born October 30, 1891 and died August 06, 1939 in Simpson County, Ms. She is buried at Dry Creek Cemetery too. She and Thomas had 2 (two) children.

1. Albert Goldwire Laird, b. December 16, 1909 in Brandon, Ms.; d. June 05, 1999 in Jackson, Ms.
2. Hemby Laird, b. October 14, 1911 in Brandon, Ms.; d. September 13, 1996 in Jackson, Ms.

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John Laird

Unfortunately, I have not learned anything new about John Laird, the spouse of Lydia Wright in Washington County, PA, married in the 1790s in that county. [Two of their daughters, Charity and Jane married Van Wye brothers and between the two marriages produced 26 Van Wye grandchildren for John and Lydia] I have found a little more info on the Wright family this past year, but so far nothing on John's Laird family of origin.

Here is the information we have on our Laird connections in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Descendents of John Laird: John Laird born abt 1775, died 1836 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, married abt 1795 in Washington County, Lydia Wright, born abt 1775, died in Washington County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Joshua Wright and Charity Harris, daughter of John Harris who founded Harrisburg. John and Lydia Laird apparently lived on her family's property. I know very little about John. Their children: 1.) Charity Laird born abt 1799 in Washington County, PA., died 23 November 1863 in Weatherfield Twp., Trumbull County, Ohio, married 1816 in Washington County, PA., Abram Van Wye, born 24 February 1797 in Washington County, PA., died 2 May 1854 in Weatherfield Twp., Trumbull County, Ohio. 2.) Jane Laird born 1802 in Washington County, PA., died 1844 in Jennings County, Indiana, married 25 December 1822, in Washington County, PA., James Van Wye, (a brother of Abram,) born 24 June 1800 in Washington County, PA., died 1868 in Jennings County, Indiana. 3.) Hetty Laird, born abt 1803, married Mr. Pritchard. 4.) Unknown Laird sister, born abt 1805, married William Taylor. A section of Enoch Wright Van Wye's History of the Van Wye Family, written in 1901-1902 gives most of what we know about our John Laird. "My mother's father was John Laird of Scotch-Irish parentage. I know little of their history. The best I could learn of them is that they settled in Washington County, PA., about the year 1790, he John Laird having married my grandmother about that date in the aforesaid county. There he died in 1836, leaving a large family of children and grandchildren. My grandmother's maiden name was Lydia Wright, the daughter of Joshua Wright, one of the first settlers on Washington County, PA., He settled there long before the Revolutionary War, was the representative of the western counties of Pennsylvania in the councils of the colony under the English government, and was a man of much note and great wealth for those days and was the father of three children, one son and two daughters named as follows: Enoch, Lydia, and Nancy. Enoch, the son, married Rachel James a sister of my father's mother. This old uncle, for whom I was named. Lived and died in Washington County, PA. He was of much note for his wealth, enterprise, and charitable actions. There is a very numerous posterity of his in Pennsylvania to this day, many of whom I have seen and been aquatinted with in my time, they being of the most wealthy and best families of that state. Nancy Wright married Willis Burriss of Washington County, PA., And their descendants were and are numerous and are scattered through the United States, some yet living in and around Pittsburgh, PA.,"

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John Laird

My earliest known Laird is--John Laird, an iron miner of New Monkland, Scotland was born in 1825. He died in Gateside, Lesmahagow, Scotland on May 25, 1860. His wife was Anne Robert, born on June 4, 1827 of Old Cumbernauld Village in Scotland. She died in 1862. They were married on December 31, 1846. John, no doubt was looking for a tax deduction! John is my great, great grandfather.....Thanks, Curtiss N. Stuart.

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John Laird

John Laird, b. ca. 1784 probably in Pennsylvania. Moved from Allegany Co., PA sometime before 1822 to Ross Co., Ohio. Died in the 1840's. Was a hatter. Had sons James Mc (Mc was his middle name), Jesse Wesley, and John. Daughters Mary Brown Laird and Rachel Cloud Laird. Married Pheobe Ford. Both buried in Chillicothe, Ohio.

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John Laird

My Laird ancestor is my Grandmother, Arie Mae Laird born: 6/19/1887 in Birmingham, Alabama. Married: 2/21/32 to Clarence Elwin Fitch. Died: 6/9/62 in Houston, Texas
Father: John Laird Mother: Addie Lou Kennedy

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John Laird, Lard

John Laird or Lard married Nancy Montgomery on 19 October 1843 in St. Francois County, MO. He or they were from KY. According to the Madison County, MO 1850 census, here are their children (the baby, John William Laird, was my great grandfather).

Microfilm T6, Roll No. 155.

Page 255B Madison County, Missouri,

11 Nov 1850, Peter R. Proctor, Asst. Marshall.

847 847 John Lard, age 32, male, laborer, Kentucky

Nancy? Lard, age 24, female, Missouri, cannot read or write.

James? Lard, age 6, Missouri.

Jesse W. Lard, age 4, Missouri.

Andrew Lard, age 2, Missouri.

John W. Lard, age 11/12 (11 months) Missouri.

John William Laird married Martha King; they had John L. Lard (maybe died at birth? Dunno.) Also daughters Nettie Columbia (who married Harrison Benson Watts), Effie

and Edna, and son James Columbus Laird who married Hulda Evelyn Rock. JC and Hulda lived in Knob Lick, MO before settling in Elvins, MO (St. Francois County).

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John M. Laird

Here is my husband's Laird ancestor:

John M. Laird (1797 Ireland--15 Nov 1864, Coffeetown, Upshur Co., TX) He did not live in Upshur County according to our research thus far.

1. Andrew Jackson Laird (19 Aug 1822 Buckingham Co., VA--2 Dec 1895, Dalby Springs, Bowie Co., TX; lived in Upshur Co., TX) Andrew Jackson Laird was in Texas by 1847. He married Margaret Elvira McCain probably in Tippah Co., MS or Shelby Co., TX about 1845. **This is the descendant we are researching.
2. Franklin L. Laird (31 Jan 1824 VA--9 Jan 1879, Gonzales Co., TX), never married.
3. Sarah Anne/Alice Laird (19 Sept 1827 VA--6 Sept 1903, Gonzales Co., TX), married William J./Douglas Staton 29 Jan 1844 in Gibson Co., TN
4. Mary S. Laird (1829 VA or TN--Bef 1866 Gonzales Co., TX), married Harbert/Harland/Harbort Smith in 1855 in Gonzales Co., TX. These Lairds were in Tippah Co., MS in the early 1840s.

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John Laird, Leard

Our earliest known ancestor is John Laird (Leard). Born in Ireland. Married to Jane. Died in Sugarcreek Twp. Armstrong County, PA in 1821. Children: Nancy Leard, b. 1769, Ireland; d. November 10. 1859, Kittanning, PA.; Mary Leard, b. Unknown d. unknown; Thomas Leard b. June 12, 1792, Ireland, d. June 27, 1875 E. Franklin Twp, Armstrong County, PA; and Oliver Leard, b. 1798, Ireland d. June 29, 1862 Washington Twp. Armstrong County, PA

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Joseph Laird

Looking for ancestry of Joseph Laird and Eleanor "Ellen" Morrison:

1 Joseph Laird b: Abt. 1770 in Scotland d: January 05, 1845 in Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois +Eleanor "Ellen" Morrison b: Abt. 1778 in Scotland m: Abt. 1799 d: January 21, 1845 in Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois

..... 2 Eleanor "Ellen" Laird b: January 01, 1814 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland d: March 01, 1908 in Braymer, Caldwell County, Missouri Burial: March 1908 Braymer, Caldwell Co., Missouri

..... +Joel M. Phares b: December 20, 1810 in Ohio m: October 28, 1830 in Clark County, Ohio d: March 23, 1876 in Braymer, Caldwell County, Missouri Burial: March 1876 Phares Cem., Braymer, Caldwell Co., Missouri

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Joseph Laird, Lard

Documentation I have on my earliest Laird ancestor is my gggg grandfather Joseph Laird (Lard) born probably in Pennsylvania around 1720,1730 or 1740. Just not sure of exact date of birth. He had a son named Josiah Lard born 1758 we think in S.C.

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Joseph R. Laird

Joseph R. Laird, born 1820 in Georgia. He came to Texas in 1838 with his brother Archibald and settled in Jasper County. Joseph married Edith Durdin about 1843 and moved to Tyler County, the adjacent county to the west, he remained there until about 1866 or 1867. He died in Limestone County, Texas about 1884. So far I have been unable to establish who his parents were.

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Josiah Lard

My earliest known Laird is Josiah Lard, b. abt 1772, probably in South Carolina, d. 1840-46, in the Brookhaven, MS area m. ???

Josiah was in Barnwell County, SC in the 1790 census. He and his brother had moved to MS, settling in the Natchez District by 1810.

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Levan Lard.

LEVAN LARD - born 1793 in Shelbyville, Bedford County, TN, and died 1829 in Haynesville, Clinton County, MO. He married MARY EASTERLEY 1816.

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Lodowick Laird

Lodowick Laird, whose earliest known date/location is 1742 in Lancaster County, PA. That's when and where his son Robert Laird was born. Migration of the family is PA., SC., GA., and thence split to the four winds.

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Lodowick Laird

Lodowick Laird (d about 1804) married Elizabeth. Children: Robert Laird born 1742 died 16 March 1834 married Elizabeth, John Laird born abt 1752, Esther Laird, born abt 1755, and James Laird born abt 1757. Robert and Elizabeth Laird had the following children: Sarah Laird born abt 1771, James Laird born between 1770-1780, Samuel Laird born before 1776 died abt 1818, Archibald M. Laird born 3 March 1776 died 19 Jan 1851, Robert Laird born before 1775, Mary Laird, William Laird died 1846, and Elizabeth Laird born abt 1792 died 1853.

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Lodowick Laird

Earliest known ancestor is LODOWICK LAIRD found in Pennsylvania in 1743. Wife: Elizabeth Known children: Robert b. 1743 PA, John b. 1752 PA, Esther b. 1755 PA, James b. 1757 PA. Migration within the US: Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia. Religion: Scotch Presbyterian (Covenant)

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Mary Ann Laird

Mary Ann LAIRD born ca 1766, in MD according to later census records. She married James TOLAND who was from York Co., PA, no known date or place. They later moved to Beaver Co., PA where their children were born. Later they moved to Columbiana Co., OH in about 1824. The last record I have of them is in the 1850 census where they are listed in Carroll Co., OH next to their son, David S. TOLAND. Have been unable to find death records for either of the couple.

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Robert Laird

Robert Laird married Elizabeth Dent and they emigrated from Durham, England to Ladysmith, British Columbia, Canada at the turn of the century. Their children were Robert Austin, Norman, Violet and Edith. Robert was an engineer at a coal mine near Ladysmith and had a brother Marshall. Robert and Elizabeth eventually divorced, and

she came to the US and lived with her daughter. She remarried and died about 1923 in Seattle. Robert died October 10, 1931 in Ladysmith.

Robert Austin Laird was in the 72nd Regiment of the Seaforth Highlanders, 72nd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in World War I, serving in Germany. and then emigrated to the US, where he settled in the Seattle area. He married Vonnie Mae Bowen in March, 1928. Their children were Robert Austin Laird, Jr.; William Norman Laird and Eleanor Elizabeth Laird, all born in Seattle.

Relatives told me that the Laird family was originally from Peebles, Scotland.
Any connections here?

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Samuel Laird.

Samuel Laird, born September 3, 1804, somewhere in Pennsylvania. His last name may also have been Leard, as that is how it is spelled on his wedding certificate dated May 31, 1824, in Pleasant City, Guernsey County, Ohio. He married Delilah Albin Secrest.

From the Guernsey County Ohio Marriage Book A, page 173: Thomas Secrist and Delilah Albin "I hereby certify that on the Third day of October, 1822, I joined together in the holy state of Matrimony, according to Law, Thomas Secrist and Delilah Albin. Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of October, 1822." Signed Elijah Thompson, J.P. filed October 24, 1822 and duly entered

From page 218 of the same Marriage Book: Samuel Leard and Delilah Secrist "State of Ohio Guernsey County - I do hereby certify that I joined together in the holy estate of Matrimony Mr. Samuel Leard and Delilah Secrist of lawfull age. - Given under my hand seal this 31st day of May, 1824." David Tulles, J.P. Filed and duly recorded.

Samuel Leard (Laird) and Delilah are my GGGGrandparents. Samuel's name is spelled Leard only on this document and the 1830 Census in Guernsey County. All other documents I have spell his name as Laird. The David Tulles, J.P., who married Samuel and Delilah, also acted as auditor during the 1830 Census. Perhaps the name spelling problem was his hearing problem. Paul Laird

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Samuel Barnett Laird

My earliest known ancestor is Samuel Barnett Laird, b. January 29, 1827, died at Coal Center, PA. March 2, 1916. Married October 16, 1856 to Marie/Mariah Roberts, b. in Derry Twp. February 14, 1830, died February 15, 1916 at Coal Center, PA.

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Samuel Burlin Laird.

My earliest known ancestor is Samuel Burlin Laird. He was born 3/17/1826 possibly in New York. The place of birth can not be proven at this time. He died on May 20, 1907 in Canton, IL (Fulton Co.). He married Mary Ann "Polly" Ogden May 2, 1848. I have much more info. on some of his children but not all. If this info. sounds familiar to you and you have never been in contact with me before please do so. Thanks.

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Samuel Laird and Hugh Laird.

I have no new information on one of my earliest known Lairds; however, I have since discovered some information regarding a second line of Lairds (just to complicate things from a family research perspective my great-grandfather, John Laird, married my great-grandmother, Ida Laird, from an unrelated Laird line).

- 1) My earliest known Laird (from one of the Laird lines I descended from) is Samuel Laird, b. 1784. Married Catharine (last name unknown), b. 1783. Samuel died November 19, 1858 in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Catharine died October 19, 1864 in Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Their children are Eliza (m. James Miller, Pittsburgh), James, and Nathaniel (my g-g-grandfather) b. 1818 near Londonderry. Married Elizabeth Jane Hindman 1840 in Pittsburgh, PA. Lived for some time in Jo Daviess County, Illinois before moving to Waverly, Iowa where he died in 1892. Children: Ralph E., Ida Elvina, Elmore N., Lucy E., Margaret E., Emma C.
- 2) Hugh S. Laird, birthdate and birthplace unknown, married Ellen Campbell in 1837 in Philadelphia, PA., died 1884 in Council Hill, Illinois. Children: John, Elizabeth (1), Elizabeth (2), Hugh.

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Sarah Laird

LAIRD, Sarah: b. 17 Oct. 1765 in CT. Moved to Great Barrington, MA. Father: Joseph Laird. Might have had a brother also named Joseph. Married JONES, Silas on 26 May 1783 in Great Barrington. Moved to Fowler, Trumbull Co. OH around 1816. Sarah d. 20 Jul 1851 in Fowler. Sources:

- i. Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Vol. II: F-M, Abstracted by Virgil D. White, p. 1881
- ii. Abstracts of Probate Records, Trumbull Co., OH. Published by Trumbull Co., O.G.S. p. 101.

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Thomas W. Laird

My earliest known Laird is Thomas W. Laird born about 1810 in PA. He married Mary Elton Saffle in 1829. Their children (Elizabeth, John A., James B., Isaac S., and Thomas W.) were born in Muskingum, Ohio. James B. and Isaac S. moved to Atchison Co. KS, where they started their families and are buried. Thanks,

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Thomas W. Laird

I descend from Issac S. Laird, one of the sons of Thomas Laird/Mary Elton Saffle. See posting on Thomas W. Laird by Denise Miller.

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Unnamed Laird.

I have two, so far un-named, LAIRD ancestors, and one named LAIRD kin. My great grandfather, William GARRISON, was born 02 Oct 1830, in Hart Co. KY. His mother was a LAIRD. Her parents raised William and took him with them to Enterprise, in Wayne Co. IL. Her brother's name was Jesse. He became a surveyor in IL. He took on his nephew, William, as a helper.

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William McLeard, McLeaird, McCleard, Leaird, Leard, Laird.

William McLeard/McLeaird/McCleard/Leaird/Leard/Laird (His name can be found in various documents with each of the above spellings. William was probably born in NC in 1792. Although unsubstantiated, it is believed that he might be related to James Leaird of the 1790 Anson County, NC Census and/or Fredrick Leard of Anson County, NC and Sumter Co., SC. The earliest known documented record is William's enlistment in the War of 1812. His enlistment record used McCleard but he indicated in his pension request that his name should be McLeaird. Later he used McLeard, and finally "Leard" however, he can also be found in census and State Militia records under "Laird." He married Elvey Rushing in Anson NC, moved to Anderson County, SC and finally to Franklin (now Hart) County, GA. They had a large family. Today, their descendants use several different spellings. Leard is probably the most common, some use Leaird and McLaird and there are probably others.

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William Laird

I am a descendant of William LAIRD, who married Ellen HAIGE, 8 December 1844, in Old Monkland Parish, Airdire, Lanark, Scotland. Ellen was born, 31 October 1826, in Edinburgh, Scotland and died, 19 October 1890, in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. William was born, about 1823, in Scotland and died, 2 January 1863, in Belle Isle Confederate Prison Camp, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia. They emigrated from Scotland in 1854. Their children are:

1. Helen LAIRD born, 7 May 1844, in Greengairs, Lanark, Scotland.
2. James William LAIRD born, 14 February 1846, in Greengairs, Lanark, Scotland and died, 9 December 1895, in Duryea, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth, about 1869, in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.
3. George LAIRD born, 22 July 1849, in Lanark, Scotland and died, 13 December 1860, in Pittston, PA.
4. David LAIRD born, 6 November 1851, in Lanark, Scotland and died, 22 December 1879, in Pittston, PA.
5. Margaret LAIRD born, 4 July 1856, in Pittston Twp, PA and died, 5 September 1936, in Avoca, Luzerne County, PA. She married Robert James WATSON, in 1874, in Pittston, PA. He was the son of Thomas WATSON and Jean DALZIEL.
6. Jennitte LAIRD born, November 1857, in Pittston Twp, PA. She married Aaron MITCHELL, in 1879, in Pittston, PA.
7. William Haige LAIRD born, 1 November 1859, in Pittston Twp, PA and died, 27 October 1932, in Pittston, PA. He married Henrietta CAMPBELL, about 1892, in Pittston, PA.
8. Helen Haige LAIRD born, November 1862, in Pittston, PA. She married Stanford L. GEDDIS, about 1890, in Pittston, PA. He was the son of Jesse GEDDIS.

I would like to correspond with anyone else researching this family. Thank you,

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William Laird

1 William Laird, b. 1727?, Ireland, d. 1820?, Columbia Co, PA +Martha Wilson, b. 1730, d. Unknown, m. 1755

2 i. Margaret Laird, b. 1756, PA

2 ii. Elizabeth Laird, b 1759, PA

- 2 iii. James Laird, b. 1761, PA d. 1846, Columbia Co., PA +Mary McFarland, b. 1770, PA d. 1796, PA, m. 1788, Dauphin Co., PA Married second +Sarah Watson, b. 1772, PA d. 1851, Montour Co, PA, m. 1797
- 2 iv. Thomas Laird, b. 1763, PA, d. 1763, PA
- 2 v. Rachel Laird, b. 1765, PA, d. 1825, OH m.1791+John Laird,
- 2 vi. Thomas Laird, b. 1767, PA d. 1834, PA m. 1794 +Ann McBride
- 2 vii. Samuel Laird, b. 1769, PA d. 1815, Harrisburg, PA m. 1796
- 2 viii. William W. Laird, b. 1771, PA d. 1840, have no record of marriage
- 2 ix. Martha Laird, b. 1773 d. Unknown +George Clark

William Laird, b. 1727, had three brothers that I know of: Hugh, Samuel, and Matthew. This information from original source material: Samuel's will and from an assignment from William Laird to his son Samuel of Harrisburg. William's brother Samuel and wife Mary had no children, although quite often Samuel Laird of Harrisburg is cited as being a son of Samuel and Mary. This is erroneous, ref. both Samuel's will and the assignment of William Laird wherein William identifies Samuel Laird of Harrisburg as my son. William Laird and his son James had land adjacent in an area along the border of Montour and Columbia Co, PA. William, who was living in Dauphin at the time, purchased land in what was then Derry Twp, Northumberland Co, PA, in 1793. In 1816, William Laird deeds the land to his son Thomas, with the provision that he is to have use of the land until his death. I am wondering if William died prior to 1820, since Thomas sells the land deeded to him by his father in 1819. Evidently William b. 1727 was in Cumberland Co, then Dauphin Co, and then in what is today Columbia Co, PA. This info born out from tax records, marriage records, etc., but more accurately by deeds and assignments. For the sake of brevity have not continued this line which continues from James Laird, to his son John Laird, and his daughter, Mary Jane Laird.

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William F. Laird

My oldest Laird is : William F. Laird born June 06, 1858 in Madison Cty. NY. He married Margurite (Maggie) Casey born May 04, 1862 in County Cork, Ireland. My cousin is doing most of the research I have been unable to forward the list to her but will keep trying. William and Maggie had 9 children. I have a gedcom file on myfamily.com. Anyone interested please let me know and I will add them to the member list. Thanks.

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William Leard, Laird

My earliest known Laird ancestor is William Leard (Laird) born abt. 1792 in South Carolina. He married Elinder unknown and they had the following children: William Laird, Henry Laird b.3 June 1821 (according to his death certificate he was born in Lexington District, SC) Winifred Elinder, Mary, Pernina, James, Lewis, Louisa,

Carolina, Emily, and Julia. William Leard (Laird) died sometime between 1850 and 1860. He is listed on the 1850 Federal Census in Coffee, AL. Elinder is listed on the 1860 Federal Census in Walton, FL

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The Laird Family Association values your comments, suggestions, and personal support. We are seeking Laird information from around the world, including: bible records, births, deaths, marriages, deeds, wills, orphans court dockets, obituaries, census, cemetery, lineage's etc... To submit information for the LFA Newsletter, please send your information to Patricia Laird Howard at: plairdhoward@aol.com or via snail mail at: 7254 S. Dennis Blvd., Broken Arrow, OK 74014. Please specify that the information is for the LFA Newsletter. The information must have a Laird connection.