

# LAIRD BRANCHES

A Monthly Newsletter For The Laird Family Association  
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## Message From Our LFA Officers:

**Russell Laird, President.....**I offer hale and hearty thanks and welcome to everyone involved with our new Laird Family Association. As friends and researchers of the Laird name, we look to the future of our efforts with gleeful anticipation. In helping one another, we help ourselves. [Rlaird@Istarnet.com](mailto:Rlaird@Istarnet.com)

**Spencer Laird, Vice President.....**I would like to welcome everyone to the Laird Family Association. I believe that in working together and pooling our resources we will all save time, effort and money in our never ending quest to find just one more generation. For some of us the results will not be immediate, but I am sure we will all pick up clues and hints from our expanded family that will help us answer a question sometime in the future. And in the process we will all make new friends of others that carry our name proudly or are descendent of a Laird Ancestor. [MLaird1@san.rr.com](mailto:MLaird1@san.rr.com)

**Robert B. & Carolyn Laird, Membership Chairpersons.....**We are pleased with the interest shown in our newly-formed Laird Family Association and are happy to report that, as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we have welcomed 94 members. If you have any questions concerning membership, please don't hesitate to contact us. [105000.3005@compuserve.com](mailto:105000.3005@compuserve.com)

**Robert T. Laird, Webmaster.....**I'm quite happy to see the LFA Newsletter come to fruition and hope everyone lets Patricia know what a great job she is doing. The LFA Web Site is still in its infancy and a lot more work needs to be done. If you have any ideas about what information should be posted, and how it should be presented, please don't be shy about letting me know. The LFA Web Site is: <http://www.qcsi.net/lfa>

Working together, I think we can make it useful and helpful to everyone.  
[rlaird@cavediver.com](mailto:rlaird@cavediver.com)

**Patricia Laird Howard, Newsletter Editor.....** May I extend a very warm welcome to each and everyone of you who have joined the Laird Family Association. As your Newsletter Editor, my main focus and goal is to gather in one location various genealogical sources on the Laird surname. With the birth of "Laird Branches," this goal will become a reality. I Hope that all of you will share in this endeavor as we begin our journey backward in time to discover our elusive Laird ancestors. [pahoward@concentric.net](mailto:pahoward@concentric.net)

### **Special Thanks From The Newsletter Editor:**

I would like to send a special thank you to Ann Flowers, & Leslie Thomas for their contribution to the first issue of the LFA Newsletter. Your help and personal support is greatly appreciated. Patricia Laird Howard

### **LFA & Laird Family Web Sites:**

The LFA web site URL is: <http://www.qcsi.net/lfa>

Russell Laird's web site URL is: <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/plains/4944>

### **Laird Family Reunions:**

**TEXAS** The Francis Marion LAIRD Reunion in honor of the descendants of my grandfather (died 1936 in Young County, Texas, born 1883) started in 1988 in Olney Texas, in Young County for my aunts, uncles, and kinfolk to meet on Thanksgiving day.

This interfered with family gatherings across the country and so the cold weather moved us backward to the second Saturday in October. We moved it nearer to the body of the majority to Ft. Worth area.

October 9, 1999 at noon, the family will be going to a park for a meal (BRING ENOUGH FOR YOUR FAMILY--POTLUCK STYLE--plus enough for one extra person.) This usually covers the unable, and the visitors who are not family, but become family. For more information please contact Frank LAIRD [fmlaird@flash.net](mailto:fmlaird@flash.net)

**OHIO** The Laird Family of Eastern Ohio is holding it's Annual Reunion on Saturday, June 26, 1999 at the Bethlehem Township Grange Hall in Coshocton County, Ohio. The Hall is located 4.3 miles on US 36, west from the junction of US 36 and State Route 16. All descendants of Abraham Alexander and Elizabeth Murdoch Laird are invited to the fun. Eating begins at 1:00 p.m.. Bagpipes begin at 2:00 p.m. For more information please contact Curtiss N. STUART [stuart@adnc.com](mailto:stuart@adnc.com)

### **LFA Member Queries:**

I wish to correspond with anyone researching LAIRDS in St. Joseph County, Michigan, and Butler County, Ohio. Marilyn Eaton Laird Johnson [emlejay@carrollswb.com](mailto:emlejay@carrollswb.com)

Seeking the ancestors of Sarah LAIRD, daughter of Joseph LAIRD, born 17 Oct 1765, CT? died 20 July 1851, Trumbull County, Ohio, married Silas JONES 26 May 1783, Great Barrington, MA. Dorothy Baker [jhbaker@siu.edu](mailto:jhbaker@siu.edu)

### **Laird Genealogical Sources Submitted By Our LFA Members:**

**The following TEXAS information was sent via e-mail from Ann Flowers [aflower@swbell.net](mailto:aflower@swbell.net) Ann is looking for information on her ancestor John Laird born 1797 Ireland; died 15 Nov 1864 Upshur Co., TX.**

**Texas Tax Lists:** Note, Ann states: I don't believe these to be all of the Lairds in TX during this particular time; however, this is what I've collected so far in trying to find our Laird by process of elimination.

John J. Laird, 1838 Jasper Co., p 22, source: First Settlers of Jasper Co., TX.  
Jefferson Laird, 1838 Jasper Co., p 22, source: First Settlers of Jasper Co., TX.  
Robert Laird, 1837, Jasper Co., p 20, source; First Settlers of Jasper Co., TX.  
Archibald Laird, 1838, Jasper Co., p 22, source; First Settlers of Jasper Co., TX.  
Joseph R. Laird, 1838 Jasper Co., p 22, source; First Settlers of Jasper Co., TX.  
L. A. W. Laird, 1839 Harrison Co, p 54, source; Land Cert., Shelby/Harrison Co., TX.  
Jesse Laird, 1838 Jasper Co., p 5, source; First Settlers of Jasper Co., TX.  
David Laird, 1837 San Augustine Co., p 31, source; First Settlers of San Augustine Co., TX.  
A. Laird, 1840 Jasper Co., source; Tax Rolls, Jasper Co., TX.  
Joseph Laird, 1840 Jasper Co., source; Tax Rolls, Jasper Co., TX.  
Robert Laird, 1840 Jasper Co., Source; Tax Rolls, Jasper Co., TX.  
David Laird, 1840 San Augustine Co., source; Tax Rolls, San Augustine Co., TX.  
Walter Laird? 1840 San Augustine Co., source; Tax Rolls, San Augustine Co., TX.  
J. R. Laird, 1846 Tyler Co., source: Tax Rolls, Tyler Co, TX.  
Robert Laird, 1846 Jasper Co., source; Tax Rolls, Jasper Co., TX.  
A. J. Laird, 1846 Shelby Co., source; Tax Rolls, Shelby Co., TX: Andr. Jack. Laird  
Jesee Lard, 1846 Tyler Co., source; Tax Rolls, Tyler Co., Tx.

### **Texas Scholastics 1854-1855--Compiled by Gifford White, (MO: Ingmire, 1981.) LAIRDS with children between 6 and 16.**

Gonzales Co., TX 1855: L. E. Laird; 1 male; 4 females.  
Gonzales Co., TX 1855: E. Laird; 1 male; 1 female.  
Lamar Co., TX 1854: Jno. Laird; 1 child.  
Tyler Co., TX 1854: Robt. Laird; 3 males; 3 females.  
Tyler Co., TX 1854: Arch. Laird; 1 Laird female; 1 male and 1 female Powell.  
Tyler Co., TX 1854: J. R. Laird; 2 males; 1 female.  
Upshur Co., TX 1854: A. J. Laird; 1 male; 1 female. (Andrew Jackson Laird.)

### **The Following records are from the 1850 Federal Census, Texas.**

Jasper County, TX: page 220

Jesse Laird, age 54, born KY, comment: taylor.

Jasper County, TX: page 220

David Laird, age 56, born OH, comment: taylor.  
 Jasper County, TX: page 227.  
 Robert Laird, age 45, born GA.  
 Nancy, age 41, born MS  
 Mary Jane, age 17, born MS  
 Francis M. age 15, born MS, comment: female.  
 Anne Elizabeth, age 12, born TX  
 Penelope, age 9. born TX  
 James J. age 7, born TX  
 Robert. J. W. age 5, born TX  
 Nancy A., age 3, born TX  
 Joseph A., age 1, born TX  
 Washington County, TX: page 313.  
 J. Lard, age 42, born KY?, comment: physician.  
 Upshur County, TX: page 190.  
 A. J. Lard, age 27, born VA, comment: Andrew Jackson Laird.  
 M. E. age 23, born AL, comment: Margaret Elvira McCain Laird.  
 W. E. age 4, born TX, comment: William E. Laird  
 E. R. A., age 2, born TX, comment: Ellen Rosanna Laird.  
 Medina County, TX, page 401.  
 George W. Laird, age 38, born MS, comment: military.  
 Tyler County, TX, page 174.  
 J. R. Laird, age 30, born GA, comment: Joseph R. Laird.  
 Edith, age 28, born MS.  
 Arch, age 6, born TX, comment: Archibald.  
 Sarah E., age 5, born TX.  
 Hilliard, age 3, born TX.  
 Robert, age 2, born TX.  
 Lamar County, TX, page 287.  
 John Laird, age 60, born NC.  
 Susan, age 54, born SC.  
 Alfred F., age 18, born IL  
 James M., age 17, born IL  
 Thompson P, age 15, born IL.  
 Vaste L., age 11, born IL, comment: female.

**Leslie Thomas [lthomas888@msn.com](mailto:lthomas888@msn.com) descends from the Lairds of Trumbull County, OHIO and is seeking information on Matthew Laird born 25 October 1794 and wife Hannah Cox, born 1796. Leslie sent the following items via snail mail:**

**Anniversary of the Laird Family, 1877.**

(Cover Page) Anniversary OF THE LAIRD FAMILY, HELD AT THE HOUSE OF W. A. LAIRD, BEAVER, PA., DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 1877. W. A. LAIRD, PRESIDENT. (Inside, left half of page.) Executive Committee. WILLIAM LAIRD, Dakota, J. G. LAIRD, Indiana, W. A. LAIRD, Pennsylvania. Historian. STEPHEN LAIRD, Ohio, Committee on Music. Mrs. MATTHEW LAIRD, Toledo, O., Mrs. E.

W. LAIRD, Cleveland, O., Miss JENNIE LAIRD, Beaver, PA., Miss MARY C. LAIRD, Mesopotamia, O. Secretary, O. P. LAIRD, Mesopotamia. O. Tribune Print, Warren, O. (Inside, right half of page) ORDER OF EXERCISES. DINNER AT 3 O'CLOCK, P.M. Music. PRAYER, By WILLIAM LAIRD, OF DAKOTA. Music. ADDRESS OF WELCOME, By W. A. LAIRD OF BEAVER. RESPONSE, By Prof. J. G. LAIRD, OF INDIANA. Music. ORATION. By E. W. LAIRD, OF DAKOTA. POEM, By Miss MARY J. LAIRD, of CALIFORNIA. Music. REPORTS Of the Secretary, Historian, and Committees. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS. Music. (back cover, blank.)

**Newspaper Clipping. Name of paper not mentioned, 1876.**

Laird Family Anniversary.

Mesopotamia, Dec. 30, 1876.

The Laird Anniversary was held at the house of Jesse Gardiner, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Welcome, in living green, was hung over the gate and front door, and the host and hostess gave to one and all a hearty welcome. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Dacota and California were represented. Every room was thrown open from garret to cellar, and the old farm house was filled to overflowing with parents and grand-parents, brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins.

The house was called to order by the president, Anderson Laird. An appropriate prayer was offered by William Laird. The song, "Waiting for the Reapers," was sung. Then the reading of the minutes by the secretary. Some beautiful letters were read from the distant dear ones-Abby Laird, of Dacota; Mr. And Mrs. Jones, of Chester Cross Roads; and Dr. M. L. Holbrook, of New York City. The dear departed ones were remembered in these letters, and the hearts of the present friends were cheered by these friendly epistles.

On motion the President appointed Stephen Laird, Seth Laird and Mrs. Mathew Laird a committee on programme for the next annual meeting. A recitation was given by Maria E. Laird, then dinner was announced. The tables were loaded with every luxury, delicacy and substantial viands that could be found on the earth, over the earth, under the earth, or in the sea. Seventy-two guests sat down to partake thereof. Wit sparkled, humor, gay and grave, flashed out now and then, and the merry laugh went around at the bountifully spread board.

After dinner the song, "Watching and Waiting," was sung in a delightful manner. Then a concise, pithy essay was read by Mrs. Orris Laird.

The oration was given by J. G. Laird. Subject, "What makes a man." It provoked some mirth and caused some tears, but the main part clearly pointed out the useful and practical. The association gave him a unanimous vote of thanks.

Stephen Laird gave the history of the Lairds for several generations back. It was very interesting to the generations who were present, and the history showed careful and painstaking research.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a programme for the next meeting, and the nominations of officers, made their report. This was taken up section by section, and with some amendments adopted as follows: President, W. A. Laird, of Pennsylvania; Vice President, J. G. Laird, of Indiana; Secretary, O. P. Laird; Historian, Stephen Laird; Executive Committee, William Laird, of Dacota, W. A. Laird and J. G.

Laird; to deliver an oration, E. W. Laird, of Dakota; to write a poem, Mary J. Laird, of California; committee on music, Mrs. Mathew Laird, Mrs. E. W. Laird, Miss Jennie Laird and Mary C. Laird.

The next annual meeting should be held at the house of W. A. Laird, Beaver, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1877.

The committee who had been appointed to report a plan for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses, made the following report: The head of each family present should pay into the treasury the sum of one dollar.

On motion the association adjourned, and the third re-union of the Laird family closed. The friends will go to their respective homes,-north, south, east and west-to labor, to enjoy, to suffer and perhaps die.

We hope to take up the burden of life with more courage and hope, trusting at the Great re-union none of the dear friends will be wanting. O. P. Laird, Secretary.

### **Anniversary of the Laird Family, 1881.**

(Cover Page.) SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAIRD FAMILY, AT THE HOUSE OF E. W. LAIRD, Esq., 266 FRANKLIN AVE., CLEVELAND, OHIO, DECEMBER 29, 1881. Wm LAIRD, President. (inside left half of page) PROGRAM. DINNER AT 2 O'CLOCK, P.M. Music. PRAYER, By Prof. J. G. Laird, Indiana. Music. ADDRESS OF WELCOME, By E. W. LAIRD, Esq., Cleveland, O. RESPONSE, By H. F. GRISWOLD, Esq., Hartgrove, O. Music. ESSAY, By Mrs. E. W. Laird., ESSAY, By Mrs. JULIA HURLBURT, Hartsgrove. O., Music. ORATION, By Rev. ADDISON JONES, Hamlet, N. Y., Music, REPORTS Of Historian., Secretary and Treasurer. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS. (inside right half of page) Executive Committee. W.A. LAIRD, Beaver, PA., JESSEE GARDNER, O. P. LAIRD, Mesopotamia, O. Historian, STEPHEN LAIRD, Mesopotamia, O., Committee on Music. W. O. LAIRD, Esq., Stockwell, Ind., Miss HELEN JONES, Hamlet, N. Y., W. M. LAIRD, Esq., Beaver Falls, PA., Miss JENNIE LAIRD, Beaver, PA., R. M. LAIRD, Esq., Mesopotamia, O., Miss LOUE GARDNER, Mesopotamia, O., Miss M. C. LAIRD, Mesopotamia, O. Secretary. O. P. LAIRD, Mesopotamia, O. (back of cover) The Reservoir and Rocky river street cars leave Public Square every fifteen minutes and cross Franklin avenue eighteen Nos. east of E. W. Laird's house.

### **Laird Genealogical Sources Submitted By Patricia Laird Howard:**

**Microfilm #0924648, A Census Of Ireland Circa 1659 with Supplementary Material From The Poll Money Ordinances 1660-1661. Edited by Seamus Pender, M. A., Lecturer in History, University College, Cork, Dublin 1939.**

No Laird entries were found in the Index.

**Microfilm #0824282, Northern Ireland Marriages, Vol I, by B. Z. Mettam.**

First Boardmills Presbyterian Church, County Down, Northern Ireland, Transcribed from the Original by Rev. David Stewart, Belfast, Oct 1941, Copied by Z. Mettam 1966.

Page 5, 1843, John McMaster m Agnes Laird,

Page 5, 1843, James Laird m Sarah Hawthorn.

(These two entries are next to each other in the record and are repeated in Vol II.)

**Microfilm #0824282, Northern Ireland Marriages, Vol II, by B. Z. Mettam.**

List of marriages in the Parish of Aghalee, in the County of Antrim, Northern Ireland, 1811-1844.

Page 12, 1838, William Laird & Elizabeth Bushe.

First Boardmills Presbyterian Church, County Down, Northern Ireland,

Page 44, 2 Aug 1843, James Laird & Sarah Hawthorn,

Page 44, 2 Aug 1843, John McMaster & Agnes Laird.

Parish of Camus-Juxta-Mourne in the County of Tyrone-Diocese Derry, 1804-1845.

Page 55, 1845, Knox Faulkner & Anne Laird.

First Donegore Presbyterian Church in the County of Antrim, Northern Ireland 1806-1841.

Page 62, 1825 Alexander Laird & Sarah Ferguson.

Rosemary Street, Belfast Rosemary Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland 1811-1845.

Page 141, 1828, William Laird & Margaret McClure.

Page 149, 1839, Thomas Laird & Isabella Woods.

**Microfilm #0021353, Index To Wills Lancaster County, PA.**

Agnes Laird, 1779, Will Book C, Volume 1, Page 558.

Frank Laird, 1926, Will Book G, Volume 3, Page 248.

James Laird, 1741, Will Book A, Volume 1, Page 62.

Jane Laird, 1851, Will Book U, Volume 1, Page 1089.

John Laird, 1777, Will Book J, Volume 1, Page 141.

John Laird, 1849, Will Book U, Volume 1, Page 683.

Lewis Laird, 1842, Will Book P, Volume 1, Page 128.

**History Of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Edited By John F. Meginnes, Chicago Ill, Brown, Runk & Co., Publishers. 1892.**

Page 976. James Laird was born, May 11, 1761, and married Mary McFarland, February 12, 1788. She was born, November 15, 1770, and to their union were born three children: John, who was born, August 2, 1789, and died, September 23, 1862; William, born October 11, 1791, and Mary, born March 15, 1794. Mrs. Laird died, July 24, 1796, and he was again married, to Miss Sarah Watson, May 11, 1797. She was born January 21, 1772, and to them were born the following children: Samuel, born March 8, 1798; Jane McKinney; James, born July 27, 1801; James, born October 21, 1806, and Thomas, born March 21, 1810. Mr. Laird removed from the Cumberland valley to Montour county, Pennsylvania, where he died, February 15, 1846.

Page 977. John Laird, son of James Laird, moved to what is now Lairdsville in 1822. He taught school during the winter and followed surveying during the summers for several years. November 22, 1810, he was married to Miss Margaret Smith, born June 2, 1790, and to them were born six children; Mary, born December 26, 1811; Hugh, deceased, born February 18, 1813; James, deceased, born April 1, 1814; Elizabeth, deceased, born September 7, 1819; John, born February 19, 1812, and William, deceased, born January 3, 1832. (note; ?)

Page 977. James Laird, son of John Laird, was a merchant and lumberman in the early part of his life. In 1869, in company with his sons, he built the first furniture factory in Hughesville. He married Ruth A. Carver, and died January 1, 1882, followed by her, June 7, 1891. They were the parents of five children: E. Livingston, deceased in 1872; John C.; Martha, who married J. K. Rishel; William L., and H. Newton. Mr. Laird helped to build the first Lutheran church in Hughesville, organized the first Sunday school in 1850, and was its superintendent for twelve years.

Page 977. J. C. Laird, foreman of Rishel's furniture factory, was born at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1844, son of James and Ruth A. (Carver) Laird. He was educated in the common schools, and in 1863 engaged in the lumber business, which he continued for six years. He then became interested in the furniture factory as a partner until 1878, when he sold and has since been foreman of that enterprise. He has served in the town council, and has been burgess of Hughesville and school director. June 6, 1867, he was married to Miss Sophia S. Tallman, and to them was born one child, Frank L., October 28, 1872. Mr Laird and family are members of the Lutheran church and he is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

Page 565. Franklin Township. Lairdsville is the only village in the township. It has two churches, three stores, one hotel, one wagon maker shop, one steam planing mill, one grist mill, two blacksmith shops, and two physicians. It is pleasantly located on Little Muncy creek, on a beautiful alluvial flat, among the Muncy Hills. Benjamin C. Morris erected the hotel and opened a store in 1841, and these, it is said, were the first improvements.

Page 565. There is a postoffice at Lairdsville. The old postoffice, known as Chestnut Grove, was abandoned. Lairdsville postoffice was established, February 20, 1829, and John Laird appointed postmaster.

**History of Washington County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Sketches Of Many Of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men. Edited by Boyd Crumrine. Philadelphia: L. H. Everts & Co., 1882.**

Page 746. Donegal Township. John Laird was born in Ireland, and with his father, John Laird, Sr., emigrated to America, and after some years came to Donegal township. John Laird, Jr., bought the tract of land which is now the property of the widow of Alexander Hayborn. He had five children, --Jesse resides in Kansas, Robert is in this township, John resides in Claysville, and Mary Jane died after her marriage. The daughter Margaret died many years ago.

**The Maryland Calendar Of Wills, Compiled And Edited by Jane Baldwin. Wills from 1738 to 1743, Volume VIII. Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Company 1968.**

Page 120. Thomas Juens, Talbot Co., 16<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1740-41; 5<sup>th</sup> Mar., 1740. To wife Patience, entire estate, real and personal. Ex.:---. Test; James Morgan, Francis Moor, George Laird. 22. 307.

Page 158. George Laird, Talbot Co., 5<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1741; 4<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1741. To wife Elizabeth, entire estate after portions for her child. --- are taken out. Exs.; Robert Goldsborough, Jr., Robert Hall. Test: John Benny, John Pierce. 22. 429. Note: Robert Hall renounces ex. ship of above will.

**Maryland Marriages 1778-1800. Compiled by Robert Barnes, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1979.**

Page (?) John Laird, 1 Feb 1797 married Mary Deck. Source; 3 PG-443. (St. Johns Piscataway Parish, copy of register made in 1884 by L. H. Harrison, at MHS.)

**The N. C. Genealogical Society Journal, Vol XIV, No. 1, Feb 1988. Rev War Pension Applications at the North Carolina Archives.**

Page 41. 232. John LARD, (Minutes of Rowan Co., NC, Court of P & QS, November Term 1819, n. p.) On 17 November 1819 John Lard, aged 62 or 63 years and resident in Rowan County, made a declaration on oath in open court to obtain the provision of a late Act of Congress. He stated he "enlisted in the County of Little York in the State of Pennsylvania at the Age of fifteen for the Term of Three Years, in a Company commanded by Capt. ASHER of the second Pennsylvania Regiment that (in) continued in the Service of the United States form the Term of said Three Years, under the Command of General WAIN & General WASHINGTON in a Company commanded by Colonel STEWART, as he believes that after the Expiration of the aforesaid Three Years he enlisted for the Term of another Three Years, and continued to Serve untill he was discharged by General SMALWOOD at Little York in the State of Virginia in July 1778. that he was in four general Engagements viz Brandywine, where he received Three Shots in his thigh, which yet remains there. Germantown, White Plains and Monmouth....he is now in reduced Circumstances not being worth as he believes more then the Value of five Dollars worth of Property, and that he stands in Need of the Assistance of his Country for Support...he had no other Evidence of his said Service now in his Power, than his own Oath."

James ORREL swears "he lives in the Neighbourhood of...John LARD, that he believes him entitled to credit upon his Oath, that he is acquainted with his Circumstances, and does not believe him Worth one Cent after the Payment of his just debts,..." /s/ James (X) ORREL.

Alexander WINFORD swears "he has been a Neighbour to John LARD for fifteen Years, that he never know any Harm of him, that he believes him entitled to credit...and does not believe, that he is worth any Thing,...." /s/Alexander (X) WINFORD.

"Enlisted in the year 1775, in the State of New Jersey by Capt. W. PERHAMUS first Jersy Regiment first Jersy Regiment (sic), Colonel John CONNEWAY, Jersy Line for 12 Months; and about the Expiration of said Time enlisted for 18 Months longer by Capt. Peter VORAS same Regiment same Line, discharged 1779 the latter Part of the Year, and he was in the Battle of Long Island, White Plans, fort Lee, Monmouth, Springfield etc." He has no other evidence but his oath. "Christian HELLENSTUTTER and Jacob HEDRICK testifies as to his Poverty." (It is not clear whether the last paragraph properly belongs with John LARD's declaration.)

**Rowan County, North Carolina Will Abstracts Vol. 1, 1753-1805, Abstracts Of Books A-F. Abstracted and Compiled by Jo White Linn, Indexed by Edith Montcalm Clark, Copyright Jo White Linn 1970. Publisher Mrs. Stahle Linn Jr.**

Page 6. A:87. NATHANIEL LA (I) RD. July 2, 1769, 2 hrs. before his death. Wife & children now in Ireland to be brought to Rowan on the South Forks of the Yadkin.

Subs: John Wilson, Francis Wilson, Daniel McPheters. Wit: Joshua Nichols, Foruncis Holmes, William Bone. July 22, 1769 Walter Lindsay & William Bone made oath that this is the substance of what the deceased said when he was in perfect memory.

**Rowan County, North Carolina Will Abstracts, Vol. II, 1805-1850, Abstracts of Books G-K 1850. Abstracted and Compiled by Jo White Linn, Indexed by Edith Montcalm Clark, Copyright 1971, Jo White Linn. Publisher Mrs. Stahle Linn, Jr.**

Page 70. H: 320. PASTY LARD. June 16, 1825. Prb. Aug. 1825. Minney Eastep and Susannah Eastep, daughters of Samuel Eastep. Son: Henry Goils Lard - under age. Sisters: not named. Exr: Samuel Eastep. Wit: Jacob March Jr., Elizabeth Hendricks.

**Abstracts of Deed Books 11-14 of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1786-1797. Copyright 1996 James W. Kluttz. Published by James W. Kluttz.**

Page 22. Deed Book 11, 553. P. 411. 2 May 1788. Bill of Sale. John Laird to John Nesbet for L12, 7 head of cattle. Wit: William McConnell, John Little. Prvd by Little at May Ct 1788.

Page 145. Deed Book 14, 2879. P. 407. 19 Feb 1796. Peter Easter to George Goldfelter for L2.10, 10 A on Tinkers Crk adj George Sparker, this Grantee, and Mikel Lennerd (sic): part of land conveyed by Mikel Worley to this Grantor. Wit: Mikel (M) Lennard, Henry Laird. Prvd by Lennard at May Ct 1796.

**Abstracts of Will Books I, IA and II of Iredell County, North Carolina, 1788-1845. Lois M. P. Schneider.**

Page 18. I-137 John Laird 9 Nov 1806. Whole Estate to Nathaniel Laird's Lawful Heirs equally. Exec: Friend John Nisbet, Jr. Wit: Henry Clagett, Jurat & James Holmes.

**Tennessee Tidbits 1788-1914, Volume II by Marjorie Hood Fischer, Ruth Blake Burns. Copyright 1988. Ram Press.**

Page 174. Elijah LARD. Was a minor child when he was bound at September term 1802 to George Stubblefield until age 21. Elijah will be eight years of age on 14 May 1803. (Claiborne Co., TN, County Court Minutes, Vol 1, page 55) George Stubblefield resigned his charge and Elijah Lard was bound to James Dodson until age 21. (Claiborne County, TN, County Court Minutes, Vol 2, page 60.)

**Johnson County Texas Marriage Records, 1854-1883, Vol I, by Weldon Hudson, copyright 1982.**

Page 85. M. R. Laird & Julia E. Traylor, 15 March 1882, Marriage Records; Book 5, page 322.

**Johnson County Texas Marriage Records, 1883-1894, Vol II by Weldon Hudson, Copyright 1982.**

Page 26. Groom: Crawford McDaniel, Bride: Ida Francis Laird, 9 Dec 1886, Marriage Book 6, page 420.

Page 30. Groom: J. F. Edwards, Bride: Miss C. E. Laird, 11 May 1887, Marriage Records Book 7, page 5.

Page 55. Groom: H. E. Ellis, Bride: Manervie Laird, 5 Nov 1890, Marriage Records Book 7, page 423.

**Virginia Colonial Abstracts by Beverly Fleet, Volume III, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. Copyright 1988.**

Washington County Marriage Register 1782-1820.

Pg 489. 31 July 1788, Joseph Laird & Anna Laird, Minister, Charles Cummings.

Pg 489. ---1793, John Lawless & Agness Laird, Minister, Charles Cummings.

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Page 198. Abstracts Of Tazewell County Will Book #1, 1800-1832. John Laird (page 327) Made: 20 May 1831, Proven: May 1831. Will. "Feeling conscious of the rapid approach of my --- dissolution." Wife: Elizabeth-- the land on this side of the river, that is the land where I live, except the old field which my son, Samuel, has in cultivation and which adjoins the land of Hiram Witten. At her death to go to sons: Samuel and Cornelius. At decease of wife negroes, except Isaac which is bequeathed to son, Cornelius, are to be equally divided between my three daughters: Jane Witten, Letty Sayers and Polly Davis. To son, Samuel, all the land joined upon the other side of the river on which he lives and the field on this side of the river which he has under cultivation. To daughter: Margaret Pratt. Executors: James F. Pendleton and son-in-law, Thomas Davis. Witness: Samuel Cecil, Albert G. Pendleton, Charles Stratten.

Page 204, Tazewell County Marriages 1800-1820. Hiram Witten & Jinney Laird, 15 Feb 1813, married by David Young.

Page 205. Tazewell County Marriages 1800-1820. William Sayers & Lettay Laird, 8 Nov 1817, married by Isaac Quinn.

Page 220-221. Tazewell County Death Records for the years 1853-1871. Name of decedent-Mary Davis, Date of death-20 May 1855, Place of death-Tazewell County, Cause of death-Consumption, Age-48-3-13, Parents-John & Eliza Laird, Place of Birth-Tazewell County, Consort-Thomas Davis, Informant & relationship-Husband.

Page 218. Tazewell Deeds Mentioning Places of Residence other than Tazewell. Bledsoe County, Tennessee. Samuel Laird (1818) TZ Dd. 3-68.

Page 219. Beginning in 1814 the Tazewell County Land Tax lists denoted the place of residence of each person who owned land in Tazewell. Listed below are the taxpayers who resided outside the county boundaries. 1815, Samuel Laird, Tennessee. 1820, Samuel Laird -Red River-.

Page 235. Emigrational Patterns (Derived from deeds, census, and other records) Cumberland County, Kentucky. Samuel Laird, last known date in Tazewell Co., 1806, date of record in new county, 1810.

Page 235. Emigrational Patterns (Derived from deeds, census, and other records) County Not Given-Tennessee. Samuel Laird, 1806, Date in New County, 1815. Also

Bledsoe County, Tennessee 1806, New County, 1818.

Page 85. Tazewell County Order Book No 1. 22 March 1808 (286) Deed from John Laird & Elizabeth his wife to James Witten acknowledged.

Page 295. Petition To Form Tazewell County-1797. Petition of the inhabitants of the upper End of Russell County and that Part of Wythe County which lies North of the Clinch Mountains (Virginia Legislative Petitions, Russell county, Box A (1792-1814), #3672-C Dec 6, 1797) J. Laird.

Page 272. An Annotated Enumeration of all Taxpayers 1801-1820. John Laird, appears in the tax list from 1801-1820. (note on John Laird states: Harman, Annals of Tazewell, Vol 2, p 476, 477- Sketch on Laird Family.) Samuel appears on the tax lists from 1801-1806. (note on Samuel Laird states: son of John above. Moved to Bledsoe county Tennessee by 1818 (TZ Dd 3-68.)

Page 3. Tazewell County Order Book No 1. Sept Term 1800. (14) John Laird to be surveyor of road from courthouse to the river road and Samuel Walker is to provide a list of tithables.

Page 285. An Annotated Enumeration Of All Taxpayers-1801-1820. Hiram Witten on tax list from 1812-1819. (Includes the following information on the family of Thomas Witten.) Johnston, History of the Middle New River Settlements, p. 459-Sketch on the Wittens, of Tazewell. "A few years prior to 1771 Thomas Witten, whose wife was a Cecil, and who with his family, had removed to the neighborhood of Fredericktown, Maryland, came along the Valley of Virginia and over the Alleghanies." Harmon, Annals of Tazewell County, Vol. II, p 553-573-Sketch on the Witten Family. Pendleton, History of Tazewell County, p 401-404-Sketch on the Witten Family. DAR "Grandfather's Papers" Series 3, Vol. 76-William Michell Riffe-"Thomas Whitten was a patriot and gave material aid during Revolution. Also built a fort. He was born in 1719 in Maryland and died in 1785 in Tazewell (now) County. Married Elizabeth Cecil in 1742. Their children were: John (b 1746 m Linnie Cecil): Elizabeth (b 1743 m John Greenup): Susanna (b. 1745, m Joshua Dickerson): Philip (b 1747, m Ruth Dickerson): Jeremiah (b. 1749, m Sarah ---): Kezia (b 13 Feb 1752, m John Cecil): Thomas, Jr. (b 23 Jan 1753 m. Eleanor Cecil): Ann (b 1755 m William Cecil): William (b 1757 d inf.); James (b 7 Jan 1759 m Rebecca Cecil): William Hanley (b 1761 m 1st Lettia LAIRD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Hackworth). This Lineage is through Rebecca Cecil (b 20 Sept 1782) who married William Clay (b 7 Nov 1777) in Mercer County (sic) Rebecca and William were married 1 April 1800. They died in Lawrence County, Kentucky in 1866 & 1842, respectively.

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