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EARLIEST KNOWN LAIRD ANCESTORS

I would like to thank everyone in the Laird Family Association who generously submitted their earliest known Laird ancestor for the May 1999, Special Edition of "Laird Branches." Patricia Laird Howard, Newsletter Editor.

Alexander Laird

Please find what I have regarding the Laird family, according to IGI and what little I currently have in my possession. Laird Family: Alexander Laird (Father) Elizabeth Scott (Mother) Children all christened at Kilmacolm, Renfrew, Scotland: John, 9 May 1756, James, 16 July 1758, Hillen (f) 1 September 1760, Alexander 3 April 1763, Robert, 21 April 1765, William, 4 Jan 1769, Joseph, 27 Oct 1771, Joseph, 5 Feb 1775, Thomas, 30 Dec 1777. Assuming that the average age at marriage is 20, this may take the parents birth back to about 1735. I have an Elizabeth Laird, born 1801, died 27 May 1869, married 23 Feb 1821, James Taylor. Elizabeth's father is listed as a Thomas Laird, born 27 Dec 1777. No further details on Thomas apart from the above. Elizabeth and James had a daughter Jane Arthur Dickie Taylor, (don't know at this stage where the middle names come into it.) Jane married a Hugh Bratchie in 1860. They had seven children, one of whom was named Elizabeth Laird Bratchie, born 2 March 1868 Shotts, Scotland, (my Great Grandmother.) No marriage is listed, that I have found, but she is known to have partnered a John Lyle. David Lyle d.jlyle@netl.nw.com.au

Archibald Laird

Archibald Laird, born 22 March 1816, died 17 Nov 1884, buried Newton County, Mississippi, married Malinda/Melinda Graham. Their children, all born in Newton County, Mississippi are: R. Alec., Edward A., Hiram Winfield (my great-grandfather,) Thomas J., Franklin P., George A., Sarah F., Emely/Emily. Robert T. Laird rlaird@cavediver.com

Catherine Laird

Catherine Laird, born 28 October 1803, Georgia, died 18 August 1865, Itawamba County, Mississippi, married John Walker, born 6 June 1799, North Carolina, died 15 March 1860, Itawamba County, Mississippi. Karen Sedlecky Ladykdee@aol.com

David Laird

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. Sharon Seavers Sharon4mus@aol.com

Elim Laird

Elim Laird born 1820 Alabama married 1st Sarah born 1821, 2nd Malissa Jennings born 1840 Mississippi, married first to James Isom Jones. Rosa Whitehorn Smith Rosa@icountry.net

Elizabeth Laird

My earliest Laird ancestor was Elizabeth Laird who married John Moody of Greenville, South Carolina on 28 July 1796. The marriage took place in Washington County, Virginia. She possibly was the daughter of James Laird whose will is in the courthouse in Washington County. She named a son James Moody. We figured they were some kin to Samuel Laird who was also in South Carolina early. Doris Moody Lewis. Weekiwache@fiber-net.com

Fielding Laird

My ancestor, Fielding Laird was born abt 1795. In California's 1860 census he is listed as being born in Kentucky. He married Nancy Sullivan who was from Virginia. Their children were: Susan Jane Laird born 1827, Mary Lucy Laird born 1831, Sarah Catharine (Sally) Laird born 1829, Joseph Austin Laird (my line) born 1833 in Missouri, James Rush Laird born 1835, Julia Evaline Laird born 1842 in Missouri according to the 1860 California census, Rebecca Jane Laird born 1837, Martha Laird born 1839 in Missouri according to the 1860 California census, Rachel (Ella) Ellen Laird born 1848 in California according to the 1860 California census, and Theodore Henry Laird born 1844 in California according to the 1860 California Census. Louise Eichhorn
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Frederick Laird

Since I posted my Henry Laird query I was able to access the new LDS site, and learned this much more (not proven yet, of course.) Henry Alexander Laird, born 13 Feb 1849, Tennessee, died 1918, Waurika, Jefferson, Oklahoma, son of Frederick Laird and Nancy Long. Henry married Samantha Mandana Griffin, born 16 March 1855, Tennessee, died in Waurika, Jefferson, Oklahoma, daughter of William James Amberson Griffin and Rebecca Sanders. The children of Henry and Samantha Laird are: Amberson Laird born 29 Nov 1873, Yell, Arkansas; Jenny Lou Laird, born 13 Sept 1876, Margaret Laird, born 6 Nov 1880, Etta Laird, Frederick Alexander Laird born 11 March 1886, Claypool, Montague, Texas, Millard Fillmore Laird, born 9 Feb 1889, Montague, Texas, Lillie Belle Laird, born 8 March 1892, Montague, Texas, Verna May Laird, born 11 March 1895, Montague, Texas, & Floyd Oscar Laird, born 21 Jan 1899, Montague, Texas. If this information is correct, then Frederick Laird is actually my earliest ancestor, but I know nothing about him. Elizabeth Laird calaird@2xtreme.net

George Laird

George Washington Laird, born Nov 1839 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania married in 1863 to Martha Emily Robinson born July 1840 Pennsylvania. 1900 New York Census (don't know when they moved to New York) says that George's father was born in Ireland and his mother was born in Delaware. This also shows a sister, Elizabeth Laird born May 1850 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Doug Hanke FAWM42A@prodigy.com

Glover Laird

Glover Laird, born in Ireland, married Miss Roycroft. Their son Glover Laird, born in Ireland 19 September 1782, died 22 March 1873, Southbury, Connecticut, buried in South Britain Cemetery, Southbury, Connecticut, married 1st Semantha Wolcott, 2nd Olice Hinman. Glover Laird, son of Glover and Semantha Wolcott Laird, born 1822, Butler County, Ohio, died 1906, Crawford County, Kansas, married Elizabeth Rowe. Elsworth Luford Laird, son of Glover and Elizabeth Rowe Laird, born 31 July 1858, Springhill, Whiteside County, Illinois, died 16 July 1942, McCune, Kansas, buried McCune Cemetery, married 27 March 1884 Crawford County, Kansas, Almedia Lucinda

Slawason. Charles Edward Laird, son of Elsworth and Almedia Slawson Laird, born 23 Jan 1907, McCune, Kansas, died 12 Oct 1971, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, married 25 Oct 1934, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, Evelyn Cooley. Herbert Charles Laird, son of Charles and Evelyn Cooley Laird, born 16 April 1940, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, died 21 Oct 1961, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, buried Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, married 31 May 1959, Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, Marilyn L. Eaton. Marilyn Eaton Laird Johnson
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James Laird

The earliest Laird I've been able to find was a James Laird who died in 1770 in Augusta County, Virginia. He may have been from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania where a lot of his neighbors were from, but I haven't been able to find record of him there. There was supposedly a James Laird who patented 150 acres of land in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1750, but I don't know if this is the same man. His children were, order uncertain: 1). James Laird, who married Sarah Craig, and died in 1803 in Rockingham County, Virginia. His sons lived in Rockingham and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia. 2). Capt. David Laird, (my ancestor) who married probably Ann Scott Lamme, and died in 1802 in Augusta County, Virginia. I'm not sure of the parents of his wife: I think she was a Scott, and the widow of William Lamme/Lamb, of Augusta County, but I'm having trouble proving it. His children went to Kentucky. 3). John Laird, who married a Jane, and died in 1765 in Augusta County, leaving only one son, John, who settled in Bath County, Virginia. 4). Mary Laird, who married James Craig, of Augusta County. James Craig died in 1791 in Augusta County, Virginia. 5). Sarah Laird who married John Craig, of "Cub Run," Augusta County. He died in 1802 in Rockingham County, Virginia. 6). Agnes Laird, who supposedly married a Douglas. Sarah Craig, who married James Laird; John Craig, who married Sarah Laird; and James Craig, who married Mary Laird; were all brothers and sisters, children of William and Janet Craig, of Augusta County, Virginia. John A. Maltby, jamaltby@creative.net

James Laird born about 1775 married Margaret Morrison on 26 October 1795 in Errol, Perthshire, Scotland. They had 6 children. William Laird; christened 2 August 1798 in Errol, Perthshire, Scotland and may have been 2 or 3 at the time. James Laird; born 21 March 1798, christened 25 March 1798 in Dundee, Scotland. Alexander Laird; born 2 October 1804 in Arborath, Scotland. Robert Laird; born 4 August 1806 in Arborath, Scotland. Robert Laird; born 15 August 1808 in Dundee, Scotland. Thomas Laird; born 1 July 1810 in Dundee, Scotland. I don't know if William, James, Robert or Thomas left Scotland or not. Michelle Scheanon Michelle@knownet.net

My earliest known Laird ancestor is my great great grandfather James Lard. His marker at Eagle Cemetery, Town of Eagle, Wyoming County, New York reads 1790-1868; his wife was Anna Billings 1791-1861. In 1835 they were in Castile, Wyoming County, New York when their son, my great grandfather, Alva 1835-1904 was born. Alva served in the Civil War, a member of the 104th NY Infantry, went from Pvt to 1st Lt, was captured twice (2nd Bull Run and Weldon Railroad) and wounded twice (Gettysburg

and Spotsylvania.) Alva's widow, in an affidavit for a widow's pension, asserted, respecting name confusion in the application process, that the name was originally "Laird," but that the family took to using "Lard," but after the Civil War resumed the use of Laird." I have no knowledge of the birthplace of James Lard, his ancestry or his origins. I suspect that he or his family may have come from Vermont or Massachusetts before settling in New York. Family tradition has it that the family origins were Scotland. Tom Mack tommack@medinaonline.com

Joab Laird

John and Joab Lard/Laird were brothers. John married Lydia Todd 24 June 1818 in the St. Louis Methodist Episcopal Church. He was listed as a minor at that time. Joab married Margaret Todd about 1824. They had two children; Malinda Laird, born 1825 Missouri, married Asaph Ashley 29 July 1846, and Jonas Laird, born 1830 St. Ferdinand, St. Louis, Missouri, died 4 Feb 1862 in Memphis, Tenn. (Civil War) In 1840 Joab and Margaret Lard/Laird sell their land in St. Louis and move to Randolph County, Illinois. Margaret died about 1842 and Joab remarried in 1844 in Randolph County, Elsie (Elsa) Flint. Joab and Elsie are my husband's maternal great grandparents. In the 1840 census he is listed in the Randolph County, Illinois census as Joab Leard. In the 1850 census he is listed as Joe Leard age 49, farmer from South Carolina, and the family has moved to Wyalusing, Grant County, Wisconsin. Elsie is listed as 29 from Ohio and they have Jonas age 20, and three younger children: Margaret, Louis Henry, and William James. In 1860 Joab lists himself as Joab Lard 66 years from Kentucky, Elsa is 38 and two additional children are with them Josiah and Joseph Flint Lard. Also in the house with them in this 1860 census are a Thomas Laird from Kentucky age 52 and a Dennison N. age 19. By the 1870 census Joab is apparently deceased. Elsie moved to Winona, Washington with her daughter Margaret and sons Josiah and Joseph.

We are searching for information about the parents or other siblings of Joab Lard/Laird. His sons and daughters all spelled the name Laird. We do know he had uncles John and Hezekial Lard. Hezekial Lard married Catherine S. Purcell in Nelson County, Kentucky 3 Jan 1793. He was then in Jefferson County, Kentucky in April 1789 and in St. Ferdinand, St. Louis, Missouri in September 1797. His will was probated September 1806. His children were Fielding who married Nancy Sullivan and settled in Washington County, Missouri, Isaac, Lucy (Gearnsy) and Rosannah (Ira Nash.) Catherine later married Morris James. Uncle John Laird married a Lydia. He died in 1825. They had a daughter Sarah who married Samuel Owen, 14 February 1830, and maybe a son Daniel and two other sons. Shirley Folston sfolston@digisys.net

John Laird

Our earliest documented Laird ancestor is John Laird born abt 1713/14 probably in Ulster, Ireland, married 17 Aug 1738 (bible record,) probably in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Agnes Black, bpt. 17 May 1718 at the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Hugh Black and wife Margaret Elizabeth. John Laird died 12 Sept 1777, and his wife Agnes Black Laird died 4 March 1779. They are

buried in the cemetery of the Derry Presbyterian Church located in Hershey, PA., in what is now Dauphin County. Patricia Laird Howard pahoward@concentric.net
Jay William Laird Jlaird4715@aol.com John Martin Laird JlairdSC@aol.com
Jan Eugene Laird JSLaird@aol.com

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.," Gail Van Wye GailRVW@aol.com

My ancestor, John Laird, reportedly came from Donegal, Ireland to Pennsylvania in the 1790's (this from a Washington County, Pennsylvania history in the 1880's.) He came to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and worked until he could send for his family ca 1800, when they all settled in Washington County. John died there, in Donegal Township, in 1838. He was married to Mary Snodgrass in Ireland, and she died in Pennsylvania in 1829. They had six children: Alexander, Margaret, wife of Joseph

Hayburn, Robert, Jesse, James and John. Margaret and John remained in Washington County. I've always wondered where Alexander, Robert, and James went after Washington County. They could have left in the 1810-1820 period. My ancestor, Jesse, moved to Dearborn County, Indiana abt 1812, was married twice, and had fifteen children who scattered over Indiana: Jesse Jr., and Mary Jane Henry Carbaugh in Dearborn County, and Judge David T. in Spencer County, Illinois; Frank, Joseph, and James, Missouri and Kansas (Lytle,) and Iowa; John, Edward, and Levi. John Laird JohnLaird9@aol.com

John (M?) Laird, born 1797 Ireland, died 15 Nov 1864 Coffeerville, Upshur County, Texas, wife unknown born Virginia. Their known children: 1.) Andrew Jackson (Jack) Laird, born 19 Aug 1823/24 in Buckingham County, Virginia, died 2 Dec 1895, Dalby Springs, Bowie County, Texas, married 1st Margaret Elvira McCain in Tippah County, Mississippi or Shelby County, Texas, 2nd Susan Runnels McNairy Cunliffe in Coffeerville, Upshur County, Texas. 2) Franklin (Frank, Francis) L. Laird, born 31 Jan 1824 in Virginia, died 9 Jan 1879 in Wrightsboro, Gonzales County, Texas. 3). Sarah Anne Laird, born 19 Sept 1827 in Virginia, died 6 Sept 1903 in Gonzales County, Texas, married Douglas J. (or Will) Staton on 29 Jan 1844. 4). Mary S. Laird, born 1829 in Virginia, died before 1866 in Gonzales County, Texas, married Harbert Smith on 12 Oct 1855 in Gonzales County, Texas. Joe and Ann Flowers aflower@swbell.net

John Laird, died after 1822 (farmer.) No record of his birth but he was from Renfrewshire and may have been married before his marriage to Catharine Lang. His father might have been Alexander Laird but we still have to prove this. He was married 2 Aug 1760 in Port Glasgow to Cathairne Lang, born 1733 Erskine, Renfrewshire and they had four children. 1). Janet Laird, born 1 Oct 1761 Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire. 2). Margaret Laird, born 11 September 1763 Port Glasgow, Renfrew, died after 1822, married Feb 1797, Abbey, Paisley, Renfrew John Swan, died before 1822. 3). John Laird (my gggrandfather) born 13 May 1766 Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire, died before 1856 (farmer,) married 12 June 1814 Erskine, Renfrewshire to Mary Holm, born 1780 Houston, Renfrewshire, died 5 Feb 1859, Bridgeton, Glasgow, Lanarks. 4). (girl) Laird, born 4 May 1772, Port Glasgow, Renfrewshire. Andrew Graeme Park Laird glaird@mozart.inet.co.th

John Leard (Laird,) married to Jane, living in Sugarcreek Twp., Armstrong County, Pennsylvania prior to 1800. Robert D. Leard leardfam@alltel.net

John Laird, born 30 April 1825 in Old Cumbernald, Scotland married Ann Robert on 31 December 1846. Ann was born 4 June 1827 in Old Cumbernald. John Laird died 25 May 1860 in Lesmahagow. Curtiss N. Stuart stuart@adnc.com

John Laird and Jessie Craig, no dates or place of birth for either, were the parents of Sinclair Laird, born 1842-1845 in Wick, Scotland, died 10 September 1910 in Wick, Scotland. Barbara Campbell campbebl@novachem.com

John William Laird was "probably," born about 1850, married to Martha King Laird, and had 1 son and 3 daughters. Their son James Leroy Laird, (my grandfather,) was born about 1880, probably in Elvins, Missouri just south of Saint Louis, married to Hulda Evelyn Rock Laird, and had 11 children. Bobbi Laird BobbiLaird@aol.com

Joseph Laird

Joseph Laird who is supposed to have lived in Great Barrington, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, had daughter Sarah Laird, born 17 Oct 1765, in Connecticut?, married Silas Jones, 26 May 1783, in Westfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts. Lived in Tyringham, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and moved to Trumbull County, Ohio around 1816. My source for Sarah Laird, daughter of Joseph Laird of Great Barrington, Massachusetts comes, primarily, from the "Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Volume II: F-M." Dorothy Baker jhbaker@siu.edu

My earliest Laird ancestor is Joseph Laird, born abt 1800 somewhere in Ireland. His son Robert Laird was married in Newry, Down, Ireland. Dianne Friden cloudrim@sisqtel.net

Earliest known ancestor was Joseph Laird married Elizabeth Dorie, both probably born between 1830-1840, lived in Philipsburg, Centre County, PA. Joseph's son Elmer Joseph Laird, born 25 March 1867, died 20 July 1930 married 22 April 1890 Ida May Oberheim, born 25 Oct 1872, died 19 September 1966, both from Philipsburg, Centre County, PA. Larry and Audrey Diane Laird Bloom lgbloom@bga.com

The earliest ancestor that I can be certain of is Joseph R. Laird, born 1820 in Georgia. He came to Texas in 1838 with his brother Archibald. I have information on many of his descendants, but have not been able to establish who his parents were. Jim Laird jlaird01@sprynet.com

Lawrence Laird

My earliest known Laird ancestor for sure is Lawrence O'Brien Laird/Lard, born 3 November 1845 in South Carolina, died 17 December 1906 in Marietta, Carter County, Oklahoma. Larry Warren Seals lwseals@cheerful.com

Levan Laird

My earliest Laird ancestor is Levan Lard, born 1793 in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee and died 1829 in Haynesville, Clinton County, Missouri, married Mary Easterley 1816. Steff901@aol.com

Levan Lard was born 1793 in Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee and died 1829 in Haynesville, Clinton County, Missouri. He married Mary Easterley 1816. Ann Scamahorn annscam@arn.net

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. Russell Laird rlaird@lstarnet.com

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. Spencer Laird mlaird1@san.rr.com

Our (Bob's) earliest ancestor is Lodowick Laird, resided in PA., in the early 1700's. Robert B. & Carolyn Laird 105000.3005@compuserve.com

Mary Laird

Mary Ann Laird, born abt 1776 in Maryland (according to later census records,) married James Toland, probably around York County, Pennsylvania. They then moved to Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and then on to Columbiana County, Ohio in the mid 1820's. I do not know all of their children, but know of William, Isaac, David S., Andrew and probably at least 3 daughters. Jeanne Toland Lane GmaLane@email.msn.com

Matthew Laird

My earliest known Laird ancestor is Matthew Laird, born 25 October 1794, wife Hannah Cox, born 1796. I believe he was the grandfather of Betsy Laird Gardiner of Mesopotamia, Ohio, which would make him my ggggggrandfather. I don't know where Matthew Laird came from and I certainly would like to! Leslie Thomas lthomas888@msn.com

Nathaniel Laird

Nathaniel Laird, born probably by 1730 Northern Ireland or Scotland, died 2 July 1769 Rowan County, North Carolina. The wife and children were still in Ireland, see Will Book A, Rowan County Wills, page 87. Known sons: 1). John born by 1755 Northern Ireland or Scotland, died after 1806 Iredell County, North Carolina. Left estate to heirs of Nathaniel. Served in North Carolina Militia, Revolutionary War, was on 1778 tax list, Rowan County, North Carolina. 2). Nathaniel, born abt 1755 Northern Ireland or Scotland, died 27 Feb 1832 Bedford County, Tennessee, lived in Pennsylvania at start of Revolutionary War, served in Pennsylvania and North Carolina in Revolutionary War, married 17 Jan 1781 Rowan County, North Carolina to Agness Scott. Their children:

1). Margarette "Peggy" b. c. 16 Jan 1783, North Carolina. 2). John, b. c. 18 Feb 1789, Iredell County, North Carolina, died circa 1860, Lamar County, Texas. 3). James S., b. c. 6 Aug 1794, Rowan County, North Carolina, died 13 April 1869, Hot Springs, Arkansas. 4). Nathaniel, b. 26 Oct 1797, Iredell County, North Carolina. 5). Andrew, b. 28 Feb 1802, Iredell County, North Carolina. I descend from Jame's line. Sally Andolino Im5150red@aol.com

My earliest known Laird is: Nathaniel Laird, born 12 November 1818 near Londonderry, Ireland, died 9 March 1892 in Waverly, Iowa, married Eliza Jane Hindman on 21 May 1856 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Children: Ralph, Ida, Elmore, Lucy (Fields,) Margaret (Voetter,) and Emma. Jane Laird Richards jrichard@chorus.net

Rebecca Laird

My earliest Laird is Rebecca Laird, born abt 1785 in Ireland. She lived in Clonleigh Parish, Donegal County. She married Arthur Smith. She came to the United States in the 1840's, and settled in Oakland County, Michigan. Lois Grzenda LoisG47165@aol.com

Robert Laird

My earliest Laird is Robert Laird born 1820 in Scotland. He came to Quebec, Canada and married Jane Lafferty in Montreal, 3 February 1842 at St. James Methodist Church. They moved to Lobo Twp., Ontario Canada, where he was a tollkeeper. He died in 1871. Mari Nittler manittler@brownell.edu

Robert Laird married Elizabeth Dent and they emigrated from Durham, England to Ladysmith, BC 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 United States and lived with her daughter. She died about 1923 in Seattle. Robert died 10 October 1931 in Ladysmith. Robert Austin Laird was in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in WWI, and then emigrated to the United States where he settled in the Seattle area. He married Vonnie Mae Bowen in 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, then emigrated to northern England. Pat Jorgensen Patjorgen@aol.com

Roulston Laird

Roulston Laird married Elizabeth (Betty) Jameson by 1831. They were in Winnyhaw, Raphoe Donegal. Four proven children--Samuel, Ralston, James and Catherine. (All born between 1825-1832.) Kathy Karn Kathy918@aol.com

Samuel Laird

My earliest Laird was Samuel Laird born abt 1726 and his wife Margaret Gibson born abt 1731. Samuel came to South Carolina from Northern Ireland in 1767. John Bonner jbonner@flash.net

Samuel Barnett Laird and wife Eliza were the parents of my grandfather, Harry Laird, born 1 July 1865 in Blairsville, PA. Joyce Laird Dempsey hdempsey@citcom.net

My earliest Laird ancestor: Samuel J. Laird was born 3 September 1804 in Pennsylvania, and died 1 August 1871 in Iroquois County, Illinois. He married Delila Albin 31 May 1824 in Guernsey County, Ohio, daughter of James Albin and Barbara Hoover. Children of Samuel Laird and Delila Albin are: 1.) Elias Laird, born 15 January 1825, Ohio, died 2 October 1874. 2.) John Laird, born 14 July 1827, Ohio, died 30 September 1874, Iroquois County, Illinois. 3.) James A. Laird, born 30 May 1830, Guernsey County, Ohio, died 1907. 4.) George W. Laird, born 30 June 1833, Ohio, died 24 September 1874. 5.) Charles W. Laird, born 1835, Ohio or Indiana, died 29 December 1876. 6.) Mary Jane Laird, born 16 Oct 1838, Ohio, died 4 April 1904. 7.) Robert H. Laird, born abt 1841, Indiana, died 1861, National Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee. 8) Laura Laird, born abt 1845, Indiana, married ---Wolf. 9). Amanda Laird, born June 1848, Indiana, died 7 October 1886, married Finley Coats. Judy Laird Griffin griffin1@athenet.net

Samuel Burlin Laird, born 17 March 1825 in Scotland, died 20 May 1907 in Fulton County, Illinois, married Mary Ann Ogden, born 27 December 1830, died 10 November 1915. They had six girls and five boys. Hugh Laird LAIRDHE@aol.com
Alan and Gayle Weiss al_weiss@juno.com

Spencer Laird

My earliest Laird ancestor is Spencer, born in Allendale County, South Carolina. At the time of his death, he and his parents lived in Blackville, South Carolina. My dad was Lee Bryant Laird, Jr. His parents were Lee Bryant Laird, Sr., and Henrietta Ferguson Laird. My Grandfather's parents were Laurie Laird and Docia Hair Laird. My uncle, Richard Robert Laird still resides in Blackville. He has six children strewn in South Carolina; Connie, Debbie, Frankie, Becky, Robin and Ricky. Other than these names, I am at a loss. I do know my Grandfather had a sister, Carrie Sue Laird, or "Sook" as everyone called her. Jean Laird Taylor jtamacmom@aol.com

Thomas Laird

My earliest known Laird is Thomas W. Laird born abt 1810 in Pennsylvania. 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 County, Kansas, where they started their families and are buried. My family descended from James B. through his son James W., though his daughter Cora Catherine (my grandmother) and her son (my father) Robert Laird Miller. Denise Miller denise@ns.net

Thomas Marlin Laird, (grandfather,) born 21 September 1896, died 7 December 1963, married Theo Frances Hardin, (grandmother,) born 8 August 1905, died May 1986. Children: 1). Thomas Leo Laird, (father) born 26 Feb 1921, died 16 Feb 1964. 2). Herschel Owen Laird, born 3 Feb 1923, died 31 Dec 1995? 3). Leroy? Laird, (living, always knew him as Uncle Doc,) birth date unknown. 4). Francis Marlin Laird, (living, birth date unknown.) I don't have places of birth or marriage of grandparents. I believe it may have been somewhere around the Panhandle of Texas. I think the majority of the children were born around Skidmore, Texas. Grandparents and father are buried in Ingleside, San Patricio, Texas and Herschel is buried near Victoria, Texas. I believe we were told as kids that my grandmother was some relation to John Wesley Hardin, but I can't confirm that information. Thomas L. Laird Jr. TXLAIRD52@aol.com

Unknown Laird

My Laird line is very short-given name unknown. She was mother to William Garrison, born 2 Oct 1830 in Hart County, Kentucky. Father's name unknown except surname Garrison was given to the baby boy. Her parents raised him and took him to Illinois as a child. She had a brother named Jesse who became a surveyor in Illinois and is possibly the same one who fought in the Black Hawk War in 1832. Anything else I have is speculation, pure and simple. William Garrison was my great grandfather: served in the Illinois Volunteers in the Civil War, was injured at Shilo. He married Ellen T. Duke. They had 7 children, including William Mahlon Garrison, my grandfather, who was born 20 May 1862. His second name was from his maternal uncle, Mahlon Duke. Daphne N. Richey (nee Garrison) drichey@compusmart.ab.ca

William Laird

My earliest Laird ancestor is William Laird, born 1727, presumably in Ireland. William married first Catherine Spencer, second Martha Wilson. He lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and then in an area of what was Columbia County, Pennsylvania. He died in 1820. He had brothers; Samuel, Hugh, and Matthew Laird. Jerome Phillips nrrd50a@prodigy.com

My earliest known (for sure) ancestor is William McLeard who married Elvey Rushing in Anson County, North Carolina, 22 Nov 1816. They later moved to Franklin County (now Hart County,) Georgia and raised a large family of 9 boys and 3 girls. Like other "Laird" families the origin of our name has been the subject of much speculation. Today there are probably 5 different surnames originating from this family. Most use the "Leard" spelling and a few of us use "Leaird." Census and other Government records frequently used Laird or Lard for their spelling. Ken Leaird hklea@aol.com

