

Baird-Davidson-Rogers-Wood & Allied Families

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Dedicated to the memory of Margaret Yancey (Maggie)
Wood, wife of Eugene Gershom (Genie) Baird of the Goodnight
section of Barren County, Kentucky.

Bagby-Baird-Davis-Rogers-Wood
Cemeteries
Barren County, Ky.

Bird Rogers [Jr.] (8/22/1772-
7/4/1835) & Mary A. Truman Rogers
(1795-5/22/1822)

U.S. "Jackson" Highway 31E

John Bagby (5/1/1761-11/17/1834)
& William Bird Rogers (1/16/1804-
5/12/1884) Cemetery

Gershom E. Baird (9/7/1807-12/29/
1862) & John Milton Davis(
Cemetery

Horton-Rigdon
Road

Robert Field Wood (1/14/1812-
12/22/1896) Cemetery

To Glasgow, Ky.

JOHN ROGERS DESCENT

Alfred

Edward

Edward, I

Edgar the Peaceful

Etherland, II

Edmund the Ironsides

Edward the Exile

Margaret m. Malcolm, III, King of Scotland

Maud m. Henry, I

Matilda m. Geoffrey Plantagent

Henry, II, 11th from Charlemagne

Richard, Couer de Lion

John

Henry, III

Edward

Princess Elizabeth Plantagenet m. 1302 Humphrey de Bohun, VIII

Earl of Hereford & Essex b. 1276 d. 1321/2 Boroughbridge, Eng.

Lady Margaret de Bohun m. Hugh Courtnenay, Earl of Devon

Sir John de Courtnenay m. Jean Champerdawe

Sir John de Courtnenay m. Anne, dau of Sir Thomas Wake

Sir Phillip de Courtnenay m. Elizabeth, dau of Lord Hungerford

Katherine de Courtnenay m. Thomas Rogers of Bradford

John Rogers of Deritend m. Margery

John Rogers, the Martyr b. c 1500 Ashton, Staffordshire, Eng.

d. 4 Feb. 1555 England m. Adrianna Weyden (ancilicized to

Pratt), neice of Jacob van Meteran, the printer and publisher
of the English Bible edited by John Rogers.

Mary Byrd's Descent

Charlemagne AD 742--814

Louis I, King of France

Charles II of France

Louis II of France

Charles III of France

Louis III of France

Charles, Duke of Lorraine

Ermenyard m. Albert de Namur

Elsie m. Baldwin, Emperor of the East

Isaac Angellus

dau. unnamed m. Beld, King of Hungary

Stephan, King of Hungary

Mary m. Charles, II King of Naples

Margaret m. Prince Charles Valvirstead

Joanna m. William, Count of Hainault

Phillipa m. Edward of England

John, Duke of Lancaster

Joan m. Ralph de Neville

Sir Edward de Neville

Sir George Neville

Ursula m. Warham St. Leger

Sir Anthony Leger

Ursula St. Leger m. Rev. Daniel Horsmandan, D.D.

Col Warham H. Horsmanden

Maria Horsmanden m. Col. William Byrd

Mary m. 1716 John Rogers, son of Giles Rogers & Rachel Eastman

John a Surveyor and Rev. War Patriot, Mary was disowned by
her family for this marriage

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BOHUN (BOONE)

Henry de Bohun, Earl of Hereford d.1228 on a Crusade to the Holy Land m.Maud FitzGeoffrey, Henry was a fifth descendant of Malcolm, III King of Scotland: his son

Humphrey de Bohun, V, Earl of Hereford & Essex m. Maud, dau of Raoul de Luisguan, Count of Eu; their son,

Humphrey de Bohun VI, Earl of Hereford & Essex d.27 Oct, 1265 after his capture at the Battle of Evesham 4 Aug.1265 m.1st. Alianore Bruos, dau of William de Braou of Brecknock, Lord of Abergavenngy; their son,

Humphrey de Bohun VII, Earl of Hereford & Essex b.1248 d.31 Dec. 1298 Pleshy, Essex m.1275 Maud de Fiennes; their son,

Humphrey de Bohun, VIII, Earl of Hereford & Essex b.1276 d.1321/2 Boruoghbridge m.1302 Princess Elizabeth Plantagenet, dau. of King Edward I of England; their son,

Sir William de Bohun, K.G. b.1310/12 d.1360 Walden Abbey, Eng. m.1335 Lady Elizabeth de Badlesmere b.1313 d.1356 Walden Abbey their son,

Humphrey de Bohun, IX, Earl of Hereford, Esses & Northampton, Eng. b.25 Mar.1342 Walden Abbey d.13 Jan.1372/3 Walden Abbey m. after 1359 Lady Joan FitzAlan d.7 Apr.1419 Walden Abbey, dau. of Richard FitzAlan; their dau.

Alinore de Bohun, Duchess of Gloucester d.1399 Pleshy m.Prince Thomas Plantagenet, son of King Edward, III of Eng. b.4 Jan.1354/5 d. 15 Sept.1397; their dau.

Anne Plantagenet, Countess of Buckingham d.16/24 Oct.1438 m.

Edmond de Stafford, Earl of Stafford on 2 Mar.1377/8 d.21 July 1403 Battle of Shrewsbury; their son,

Humphrey de Stafford, Earl of Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, Eng.

b.15 Aug.1402 d.10 July 1460 Battle of Northampton m.c.18 Oct. 1424 Lady Anne Neville d.20 Sep.1480; their son,

Henry de Stafford, Styled Earl of Stafford d.22 May 1455 m.Margaret Beaufort of Somerset; their son,

Henry de Stafford, Duke of Buckingham b.4 Sept.1455 d.20 Nov. 1483 Salisbury, Eng. m.Lady Katherine Wydville; their dau.

Anne(Stafford)Herbert b.Stoke Pogis, Bucks m.Dec.1509 George Hastings, Earl of Huntingdon d.24 Mar.1543.4 Stokes Pogis, Bucks

their son.

Francis Hastings, Earl of Hintington b, 25 June 1514 Ashby-de-

la-Zouche d.23 Sept.1576 Ashby-de-la-Zouche m.25 June 1532

Lady Catherine Pole; their dau.

Lady Elizabeth Hastings d.24 Aug.1621 Worcester House, Strand, Eng.

m.Dec.1571 Edward Somerset, Earl of Worcester d.Worcester House

3 Mar.1627/8; their dau.

Lady Frances Somerset bc.1581d.1633/4 m. 1598 William Morgan, Esq.

b.1575 d.1628; their son,

Sir Edward Morgan b.c.1600 Monmouthshire, Eng.d.24 June 1653

Monmouthshire m.Mary Englefield; their son,

Sir James Morgan b.c.1640 Monmouthshire, Eng. d.30 Apr.1718 Mon-

mouthshire, Eng.m.Lady Alice Hopton.dd1734; their son,

Edward Morgan b.Monmouthshire, Eng.d.Gwynedd, Pa. 1718 m.

Margaret ?; Edward came to America c.1697 and settled in

Gwynedd, Pa.; their dau.

Sarah Morgan b.1700 Berks Co, Pa.d.1777 Rowan Co, N.Car.

m.23 Sept.1720 Berks Co, Pa.Squire Boone b.6 Dec.1696 Devonshire,

Eng.d.2 Jan.1765 Rowan Co, N.Car. Squire was a Quaker, moved

to Pa. in 1714; their dau.

Sarah Boone b.18 June 1724 Bucks Co, Pa.d.1814/15 Madison Co,

Ky. m.29 May 1742 Exeter, Pa. John Willcockson b.Wales c.1720

d.1798/05 (Sarah Boone was kicked out of the Quaker

church for marrying out of faith, later Squire also left the

Quakers; Daniel Boone was a brother to Sarah Boone) their son

William (Red) Wilcoxson b.1759 Rowan Co, N.Car.d.c.Nov.1870

Barren Co, Ky.m.Nancy ? moved to Green Co, Ky. 1825

14 children

THE BAIRD -- DAVIDSON -- ROGERS -- WOOD FAMILIES
&
THEIR ALLIED FAMILIES
-- A HISTORY --

This is a history of Emma Elizabeth Baird's (1898 - 1977) maternal and paternal families and their allied families. The lineage of each family is traced as far back into the past as possible and each is brought progressively forward to the present -- so far as records permit.

The four maternal and paternal families of Emma E. Baird were in possession of sizeable landholdings in Barren County and, for the most part, they lived within five miles of each other. Only the family of Alexander Davidson lived somewhat farther away, for he had settled on South Fork Creek in the southwestern part of Barren County.

The four families intermarried with many of the early pioneer families of other states, most notably the Washington family, the Smith's, Lewis', Gorin's, Willcoxson's, Bagby's, Field's, Coxes, and both sides of the Boone family. All these families constitute the allied kinsmen cited in the pages ahead.

In the early part of American history the principal and allied families had their origins in such different places as Savoy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England, Scotland, and Ireland. More recent comers to America, however, have come from other lands. When the early immigrants came to America they either had large landholdings in their native lands or they came as indentured workers. Their religious beliefs were generally associated with one or another Christian denomination. Some were Quakers, others were Baptists, and still others were Christians or Episcopalians.

The family for which I have found the oldest history is the Bayard family (later Baird or Beard), which has antecedents in Savoy, England, and Scotland. A son of Godfrey Bayard, known as William de Hertburn, possessed land in Durham, England, in 1183 A.D. which went by the name of Wesayington. The descendants of William de Hertburn took Wesayington as their family name, which in later years came to be written "Washington."

The coats of arms of the Washington family, the Baird family, and the Bayard family of Scotland were one and the same. However, in order to

make a distinct coat of arms and avoid confusion with the insigne of the Washington family, the Baird's added a fess in chief, three mullets, and a boar passant to their emblem.

Among the early members of the Rogers family is the 16th century English churchman John Rogers (c. 1500-1555). He had the dubious distinction of being the first Protestant martyr under the reign of Queen Mary I of England. And if the Rogers family tradition is correct, his lineage may be traced to the Scottish King Malcolm III (r. 1057-1093 A.D) and through Malcolm's wife Margaret to Alfred the Great (r. 871 - 899 A.D.). Whether or not the more recent Rogers lineage in America is connected by marriage to the first Colonel William Byrd (1652 - 1704) of "Westover," Charles City County, Virginia, has been a subject of controversy for more than a century owing to a paucity of definitive records. The popular tradition, which is often supported by many Rogers descendants in Barren County, Kentucky, suggests that John Rogers the Virginia surveyor (1680? - 1768?) married Mary Byrd, a daughter of Colonel William Byrd and his wife Mary Horsemenden. The presumed Rogers connection with the Byrd family is ostensibly suggested by the appearance of the name Byrd (sometimes written "Bird") in numerous allied families.

Another popular tradition suggesting that John Rogers married Mary Byrd is attributed to Thomas Rogers, a brother of John Rogers. According to Thomas, William Byrd II, who was a brother and guardian of Mary Byrd, objected to John and Mary's marriage. Although she successfully defied his wishes, he remained opposed, and while she was away from her home he removed the Byrd coat of arms from her wall. His avowed justification was that only someone with the name of Byrd had a right to keep the coat of arms.

To Thomas Rogers, this arbitrary action seemed characteristic of William's general conduct, particularly in view of the plight of his daughter Evelyn, who died of a broken heart because William would not consent to her own choice of a beau for marriage.

Notwithstanding this popular tradition in favor of John Rogers' marriage to Mary Byrd, one cannot discount the possibility that the wife of John Rogers was Rachel Eastham (or Eason), the daughter of Mr. George Eastham and his wife Mary Bird of King and Queen County, Virginia. At least, such is the judgment of R.B.C. Ballard Thruston. (See Genealogies of Kentucky Families from the Filson Club History Quarterly. V.3. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1981.)

The lineage of the Davidson family can only be

traced back to Alexander Davidson who had come to America before the War of the Revolution. During the War he served as a Private in the North Carolina line. Details for his wife and two brothers are unavailable. The wife's maiden name may have been Ellis because an Ellis was the guardian of one of Alexander Davidson's two or possibly three sons in Spottsylvania County, Virginia. The known dates of the guardianship make it plausible to infer that the wife was both the guardian and an Ellis.

Given the long standing controversy over the identity of Alexander's wife and the authenticity of the will attributed to him, it is only possible to say with certainty that Alexander came from Scotand to live in Virginia and then North Carolina. It is also clear, according to records, that Alexander had many descendants who migrated from Kentucky to Indiana, Illinois, and on to Oregon where the family lineage continues even today.

The son of Alexander, who was apprenticed out as a tailor, lived first in Virginia and later in North Carolina.

Last but not least of the the four main families in this history, the Wood family has left traces that may be followed all the way to the early stages of Amherst and Albemarle counties of Virginia.

Unfortunately, records are not complete for each generation of the principal and allied families in this work. As a consequence a flawless account of family origins and connections is unattainable. Many unfilled gaps remain.

At the beginning of my task to bring together all the pertinent genealogical data, there were only two brief family histories within easy reach. One had been prepared on the basis of recollections of my great grandmother Mollie (Rogers) Wood (1836-1914), the other was prepared by my great grandmother Laura (Davidson) Baird (1830 - 1916). As a supplement to their contributions, particularly with regard to the allied families, much data has been received from other individuals who are gratefully mentioned in the acknowledgment (q.v.).

One of the conspicuous features of the extant genealogical information is that many deaths occurred in infancy, apparently due to such illnesses as influenza, cholera, diptheria, and typhoid fever.

For those readers who may not be familiar with the changing and successive place names for the same communities or hamlets in the section of Barren County which is the setting for this history, the introduction that follows will attempt to correlate the most frequently mentioned names for each place. In addition, the introduction will also identify certain early Barren Countians, who appear through-