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Charles Daugherty/Dougherty was killed in an Indian raid lead by Chief Cornstalk. Cornstalk was a Shawnee Chief, diplomat who lead raids in to the Greenbrier Valley area of West Virginia. He was the commander and chief of the combined Indian forces at the Battle of Point Pleasant.<sup>[1]</sup>

Charles Dougherty was one of three son's of <u>Michael Mor Dougherty</u> and <u>Catherine</u> <u>nee Rodgers Dougherty</u>, both of Lagan Valley. Charles and his wife <u>Rebecca nee</u> <u>Cunningham Daugherty</u> from Valley Lagan, all travelled to New Castle County, Delaware arriving on 10 December 1728. Charles had two brothers: <u>Michael Mor</u> <u>(Doherty) Dougherty-II</u> and <u>William (Doherty) Dougherty-I</u>. All three sons were also born in Ireland and accompanied their parents to America landing at New Castle Images: 2

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County, Delaware on 10 December 1728.

From New Castle the family immediately moved to Newlondon Derry, Chester County Pennsylvania and stayed there until about 1738 when they moved to "Borden's Great Grant in what is now Rockbridge County, Virginia but at the time the family moved it was in Augusta County, Virginia. Accompanying the Michael Mor (Doherty) Dougherty-I family to America were several brothers to Michael Mor (Doherty) Dougherty-I along with a host of in-laws: A brother Hugh (Doherty) Dougherty who moved to Augusta County, Virginia shortly after landing at New Castle, Delaware and along with a John Caldwell helped to establish the Cub Creek Presbyterian community in Augusta County, Virginia; Another brother on the trip was a Cornelius (Doherty) Dougherty and a third brother on the trip was named John (Doherty) Dougherty.

Charles Daugherty and his family as previously stated moved to Augusta County, Virginia, at that point in time, Augusta County, Virginia covered all of western Virginia and almost all of Kentucky and Tennessee, however, at a later date the county would be divided up and other counties and states formed from the original Augusta County. Charles Dougherty was killed in an Indian raid by a Shawnee Indian Chief named Cornstalk on 17 July, 1763. The 17th July, 1763 was a Sunday and Charles's family was all away from home attending the Timber Ridge Church with the sermon and services were conducted by the Reverend John Brown. During the church intermission between the morning and evening sermons some alarm was given, but such reports were frequently started without foundation, and therefore not much attention was paid to the alarm. At any rate Charles Daugherty was killed and scalped by the Indians and his father Michael Mor Dougherty-I also died in the same year 1763 at an age of more than 61 years old. The Indian raid that Charles was killed in was the same one that Charles's brothers wife Elizabeth nee Bunch Dougherty rode a horse down the valley warning all the settlers that the Indians were coming and to hide in the mountains. Charles lived further down the Valley and never heard the warning.

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#### **Other Genealogical Sites:**

#### From *Daughtery-Magill-Warren Geneaology:*<sup>[2]</sup>

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He sued John Frazier who lived in Rockingham Co., but the papers were not served because of Indians in 1757 at Augusta Co., VA. He was killed by Indians in a raid by Cornstalk's braves, Jul 1763 at Kerr Creek in the part of Augusta Co., VA, which became Brockbridge Co. (on a Sunday morning when most of the inhabitants were away at church).

His widow Rebecca was appointed Administratrix of his estate; on 20 Mar 1763 she was summoned to give counter security but the papers were returned on 20 Sep 1763 at Augusta Co., Virginia

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#### From Hubbard Family Genealogy. <sup>[3]</sup>

born ca 1716, Lagan Valley, Donegal, married Rebecca Cunningham and was killed by Indians 17 Jul 1763, on Kerr Creek, Augusta Co., in a raid by Cornstalk's braves, on a Sunday morning when most of the inhabitants were away at church, in what became Rockbridge Co. Charles moved to Augusta Co. with his father from Chester Co., Pennsylvania, by 1738, and by 1745 settled on Kerr Creek. In 1763,

William's wife Elizabeth was a heroine in the terrible raid by Cornstalk; the Shawnees were seen from Fort Young on Jackson River and an express was sent to William Dougherty's, but he was away from home, so Elizabeth mounted and raced up the Cowpasture valley warning settlers, who fled to the mountains before the Indians arrived.

The settlers of Kerr Creek were less fortunate and Charles Dougherty, among others, was killed. From - Annals of Augusta County, Virginia from 1726 to 1871 by Jos. A Waddell "The smaller band of Indians made their descent upon Kerr's creek on the 17th of July (1763). Their number was twenty-seven, Robert Irvin having counted them from a bluff near the road at the head of the creek. Some weeks before, two boys, named Telford, reported that when returning from school they had seen a naked man near the path.

This report was not much thought of till the massacre, when it was supposed that the man seen by the boys was an Indian spy sent out to reconnoiter.... From this point they had a full view of the peaceful valley of Kerr's creek. Hastening down the

mountain, they began the work of indiscriminate slaughter. Coming first to the house of Charles Daugherty, he and his whole family were murdered. They next came to the house of Jacob Cunningham, who was gone from home, but his wife was killed, and his daughter, about ten years of age, scalped and left for dead.

She revived, was carried off as prisoner in the second invasion, was redeemed, and lived for forty years afterwards, but finally died from the effects of the scalping. The Indians then proceeded to the house of Thomas Gilmore, and he and his wife were killed, the other members of the family escaping at that time. The house of Robert Hamilton came next.

This family consisted of ten persons, and one-half of them were slain. By this time the alarm had spread through the neighborhood, and the inhabitants were flying in every direction. For some reason the main body of the Indians went no farther..... The people on Kerr's creek had repaired the losses...basically Indians attacked again, only there were more of them. the wife of Thomas Gilmore, standing with her three children over the body of her husband, fought with desperation the Indian who scalped him.

She and her son, John, and two daughters, were made prisoners.... An entire family of Daughertys, five Hamiltons, and three Gilmores were slain....Mrs. Gilmore struck up, with plaintive voice, the 127th Psalm of Rouse's version....The Indians then separated into several parties, dividing the prisoners among themselves. Mrs. Gilmore and her son, John, fell to one party and her two daughters to another.

The last she ever heard of the latter was their cries as they were torn from her....the mother and son were also parted, she being sold to French traders and the boy retained by the Shawnees. Finally he was redeemed and brought back by Jacob Warwick to Jackson's river where he remained till his mother's return.

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