

# Daughertys came from Ireland

**Editor's note:** Eva Martin has been looking into her family history for several years. This is the first of a two-part series about the Daugherty family, who came to America from Ireland. The second part will be published Sept. 4. Martin would like to hear from others who are researching the family. Contact her at 4325 Hwy 1194, Stanford, Ky. 40454.

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The Daughertys (Dochar-tachs) were in Inishowen County, Donegal, Ireland, for centuries before they came to America in the early 1700s.

A group of people from the Province of Ulster, Ireland, settled Dec. 10, 1727, at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa. The Daugherty, Caldwell, Cunningham and probably the Rogers families were among those who came with the group.

When researching the Daugherty name, remember to check out the various spellings of the name — Dougherty, Doherty, Daughtee, Docherty, Doghity, Doughity, Dohity, Dogherty, O'Docharty, Daughty, Dowty, and O'Dochartalgh. All have been traced back to Dochartach of the Province of Ulster.

Eva Martin, 4325 Hwy. 1194, Stanford, has traced her Daugherty and Stringer ancestors from Ireland to Lincoln County. She is a direct descendant of Irish immigrant Michael Mor Daugherty and Catherine Rogers through their son, Charles and Rebecca Cunningham Daugherty.

Martin, who began researching her family history more than three years ago, owns one part of the 200-acre farm that William Daugherty received for serving in the Revolutionary War. A cousin owns another section of the original farm in the Turnersville section of Lincoln County.

The Daughertys came to Lincoln County in the mid-

and late-1700s. Many of the descendants continue to live in the Central Kentucky area while some moved to other states.

William Daugherty claimed the more than 800 acres of land in Lincoln County after the war. He enlisted in Rockbridge County, Va., and served under Capt. John Paxton.

Capt. John Daugherty, an Indian agent, had a leading part in the forming of Kentucky County from Fincastle, Va. He settled at "Locust Thicket" near Danville, Ky., and founded Daugherty's Station, 1½ miles south of Danville on Clarks Run, formerly known as Daugherty's Creek.

Michael Mor Daugherty, his wife, Catherine Rogers Daugherty, and their three sons, Michael II (born in 1714), William (born in 1712) and Charles, (born in 1716) were among a group of immigrants who came to America.



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Thomas Daugherty, and his wife, Anne Phillips, came at the same time, but Martin is not sure what the relationship was. She thinks he may have been a brother of Michael Mor.

Others in the group from Ireland were John Caldwell and his wife, Margaret Phillips; and three of the Caldwell sisters and their husbands.

## Michael Mor Daugherty was storekeeper, constable

Records show that Michael Mor was a storekeeper in "Newlondon Derry" in Chester County, Va., in April 1737. Shortly thereafter, he was in Borden's Great Grant in Augusta County, Va., on the headwaters of Cedar, Mill and Broad creeks of the James River.

Michael Mor was listed as Michael O'Docherty in Capt. John Buchanan's militia. He was appointed in 1747 as con-

stable. He died in 1761.

Thomas Daugherty bought 360 acres of land near Cub Creek, Va., that joined property owned by John Caldwell, on Jan. 1, 1745. Later, George Cunningham deeded land to his son-in-law, James Daugherty.

Some of Michael II's children lived in the Central Kentucky area.

Michael II married Mary Clark, and their children were: William, who died in 1773; John, who married Isabelle Patton; Henry, who married Jane (?), then Katherine French, and later moved in Henry County, Ky.; Robert, who lived in Danville for a time; Joseph, who married Elizabeth Drake; Michael III, who died at Reed Creek Farm in 1787; George; and a daughter (name unknown), who married Robert Dennison.

Mary (a daughter of Michael II or Charles Daugherty) married James Patton (one of the founders of Louisville).

William Daugherty married Elizabeth Bunch. Their children were: Henry; Joseph, who married Rachael Jordan in 1769, and Elizabeth Drake Sayers Nov. 15, 1781; William II, who married Elizabeth Daugherty, then Mary Bridger; Agnes; and James.

Charles Daugherty was born in 1716, in Logan Valley Donegal, Ireland, and married Rebecca Cunningham. He was granted 80 acres on Kerr Creek, also known as Cunningham Creek in Augusta County, Va., March 10, 1756. He had been living there since 1745.

Charles and several others were scalped in an Indian raid on Kerr Creek in 1763. The Indians were spotted from Fort Young and a messenger was sent to William Daugherty's place to warn the family. William was not at home. His wife, Elizabeth, mounted her horse and went up Cowpaster Valley to warn the settlers to flee to the hills.