

-- BAIRD --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolvement of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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Baird

See also: separate file: Bayard

Baird, Alexander

Alexander Baird
son of (prob) Sir Robert Baird &
Elizabeth Fleming

m. 24 April 1700
NYC Ref Ch
with license 23 April 1700

Magdalena Van Vleck
(widow of **Henricus Kip**)
dau. of Isaac Van Vleck &
(2) Cornelia Beekman

b. Edinburgh, Scotland
d. before 28 March 1741

b.
d.

Alexander's father, Sir Robert Baird was of Edinburgh, Scotland, the second son of Mr. James Baird. He having received a large patrimony from his father, became a merchant at Edinburgh of the greatest reputation and credit in his time. In 1660, he purchased the lands of Sauchtonhall and others in the Shire of Edinburgh, and in the year 1695 he was created a Knight Baronet. He married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of Mr. Malcolm Fleming, brother of Sir William Fleming, of Form, by whom he had six sons and five daughters.

Alexander Baird was a schoolmaster (at Foster's Meadow in 1706), sheriff, and a lawyer at Newtown, L.I., NY.

In the NYC Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were: Alexander Baird, j.m. Uyt Schotlt., en Magdalena Van Vleck Wede. Van Henr. Kip, beyde woonende alhier.

In his will, dated 8 November 1740, he wrote: ... I, Master Alexander Baird, of Bushwick, in Kings County, on Long Island, Esq. I leave to Mary Baird, formerly the widow of my son Robert Baird, and now wife of Cornelis Van Hengland, £30.

"Whereas, my son William has not behaved and conducted himself toward his parents as he ought to have done, and for divers other causes best known unto us," Nevertheless, that he shall not want bread, with God's blessing attending him during his own lifetime, I give him the use of all my plantation or farm lying in Somerset County, New Jersey, for life, and then to his children; and he shall pay to my wife, his mother, £12 yearly. I leave to my beloved wife Magdalena, all my estate in Bushwick, real and personal, and make her sole executor, free of all claims from my son William. "I have written this my last will, with my own hand." Witnesses, Thomas Alsop, Richard Alsop. Proved, March 28, 1741. [NOTE.--Magdalena, wife of Alexander Baird, was the grand-daughter of William Beekman, and owned a share of the Beekman farm.--W. S. P.]

Their childre were later found at Griggstown, Somerset Co., NJ.

---children of Alexander Baird & Magdalena Van Vleck:

- **Wilhelmus Bairt** (William Baird), bp. 12 April 1704 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Willem Beekman Senior, Cathalina Van Vlek); m. about 1730 **Alice Van Cliff/Van Cleef**
- **Robberd Baird** (Robert), bp. 13 Nov 1706 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Hendrikus Beekman, d'Esopus, Maritje Van Vlek); d. before 8 Nov 1740; m. **Mary -?-**. As a widow, she m. (2) Cornelius Van Hengland.
- **Isaac Baird**, bp. 11 Oct 1709 Jamaica Ref Ch

---Sources: Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam-New York City, 1940 (Vol. IX of Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society; Pelletreau, William S., Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, Vol III 1730-1744, pages 322 & 323 (will of Alexander Baird); Somerset County Historical Quarterly, Vol VII, pages 317 & 318 "Baird Family Ancestors"; Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1901 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III) Aitken, William B., Distinguished Families in America Descended from Wilhelmus Beekman and Jan Thomasse Van Dyke, The Knickerbocker Press, New York and London, 1912, p. 88;

Baird, David

David Baird
son of John Baird &
(2) Mary

m. 1744

Sarah Compton

dau. of

b. 1710

b.

d. 1801

d.

buried Old Tennant Chyd

buried

---children of David Baird & Sarah Compton:

- **Jacob Baird**, b. 1744; d. 1818; m. **Cathrine -?-**. He moved to Morris Co., NJ to a farm of his father's.
- **Mary Baird**, b. 1747; d. 1836; m. **John Dey**, Esq.
- **John Baird**, b. 1750; d. 1834; m. (1) **Phoebe Ely**; m. (2) **Elizabeth Edwards**. He was an Elder in the Old Tennant Church. They had no children.

- **David Baird** (Capt.), b. 1754; d. 1839; m. (1) 1777, **Rebecca Ely**; m. (2) **Lydia Gaston**; m. (3) 1795, **Mary Edwards**

---Sources: Bush, Lorena W., They followed the sun : some ancestors and descendants of Zachary Taylor Cox and Elizabeth Jane Hitt, 197-?, p. 102 (online at Heritage Quest)

Baird, Francis

Francis Baird
d. 1799-1800 Warwick, Orange Co., NY

m.

-?-

d.

Francis Baird, of Scotch-Irish descent, was of the town of Warwick before 1766.

---children of Francis Baird &

- **William Eagles Baird**, m. **Sarah DeKay**, dau. of Thomas DeKay
- **Samuel Baird**
- **John Baird**
- **Abia Francis Baird**
- **Anna Baird**
- **Margaret Baird**, m. **Joseph Walling** of Warwick

---Sources: Reamy, Bill, and Martha Reamy, Pioneer Families of Orange County, New York, 2007, online at Google Books, p. 3;

Baird, John

John Baird
b. 1665 Scotland (poss. Aberdeenshire)
d. April 1755
buried Topenemus, Monmouth Co., NJ

m. (1) 1684

Mary Hall

b.

d. before 1699

buried Topenemus, Monmouth Co., NJ

m. (2) 1699

Mary

(widow of **Thomas Bedent**)

buried Topenemus, Monmouth Co., NJ

John Baird came to America aged 18, in 1683 on the *Exchange*.

He rescued Mary Hall from a wrecked vessel off Perth Amboy and married her in 1684. They had no children.

They lived at Marlboro, Monmouth Co., NJ.

---children of John Baird & (2) Mary

- **Andrew Baird**, b. 1700; d. 1773; m. **Sarah -?-**. He owned a large tract of land in Monmouth Co., NJ.
- **David Baird**, b. 1710; d. 1801; buried Old Tennant Chyd; m. 1744, **Sarah Compton**.
- **William Baird**, b. 1713; d. 1793; m. **Tabitha -?-**. He was said to have been Captain and later first Major of 2nd Battalion, Somerset Co. [NJ] Militia. He lived in Morris Co., NJ, but removed to PA and settled in Dunstable Twp., Northumberland, now Clinton Co.

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Unplaced Baird Women:

Christianna M. Baird, b. 23 Jan 1821; d. 1 Nov 1849; buried Zion Luth Cem, Saddle River, NJ; m. **Thomas S. Houston**