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Loughry Family of Pennsylvania
Report No. 1

BACKGROUND

Client is seeking further information on his Loughry family. He has proven his family back to Col. William Loughry who married Mary Chambers, both of whom died in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. They had among their children a son Joseph Nelson Loughry who was born 28 March 1826 in Blairsville, Pennsylvania, and who died 11 October 1896 in Lascassas, Tennessee. Client's line is through this son Joseph, who married 1st 17 April 1851, Adriana A. Brown, and 2ndly in February 1880, near Milton, Tennessee, to Susan C. Bethel. Joseph Nelson Loughry received his degree from Washington College, in Washington, Pennsylvania. He is buried at the Brown Cemetery in Lascassas, Tennessee.

In support of the parentage of Joseph Nelson Loughry, client supplied photocopy of pages from *General Alumni Catalogue of Washington and Jefferson College ... 1802-1945* which shows under Washington College, p. 351 that he was son of Col. William and Mary, further, that he (Joseph) was born Blairsville, Pennsylvania March 28, 1826. Joseph's own questionnaire, (photocopy supplied by client), shows that he entered the name of his parents as William Loughry and Mary (Chambers) Loughry.

Client has supplied information that the father of William Loughry (who married Mary Chambers) might be:

William³ Loughry (William², Jeremiah¹), born 22 May 1756 in Derry County or Arnaugh, Ireland, and died 27 September 1826 (g.s. inscription) in Lewisville, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. (See remarks later regarding the will left by a William Loughry in Indiana County, supposedly **dated and proved in the year 1825.**) William married **Esther Allison**, said to be a daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Baird) Allison. She died 1 February 1825 aged 66y (g.s.) and is buried with her husband in Ebenezer Cemetery. Thus, husband and wife died within a few months of each other. Importantly, the published record supplied by client shows William Loughry 1755-27 Sept. 1826 as "Rev. War Army 4 Bn. **Lancaster Co.** Mil. John Rutherford co. Pvt. 1179-" (See later remarks.) However, the supposition that William and Esther are parents of client's William needs to be confirmed, which is now client's goal. Various data he has provided indicates that the family lived first in Bedford County, Pennsylvania in the part that became Westmoreland County, and then in Blacklick Twp., Indiana County, settling west of Campbell's Mills (Hopewell's Church District) where he was one of the pioneers. He was a JP in Bedford County in 1771, and in 1773 signed a petition for ammunition

and protection from Indians. He paid taxes on 200 acres of land, horses, cattle, sheet in 1783 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Client sent a listing of children provided to him by the Historical Society of Indiana County. The present researcher has annotated the listing with William and Esther which follow. This has been annotated with some additional remarks taken from "A Brief Family ...", shown in brackets:

- i. Rebecca Loughry b. 10 July 1779, d. 9 Mar. 1852, Lewisville, Indiana Co., Pa.
- ii. Benjamin Loughry, m. Nancy Sloan
- iii. Sarah "Sally" Loughry [Married William Robinson according to "A Brief Genealogy..."]
- iv. James Loughry b1787 Indiana Co., Pa., d. Oct. 1850
- v.. Susanna "Polly" Loughry b. 1788, d. 1839 [from her g.s. Old Blairsville Ceme., Indiana Co., Pa. shows 1794-2 Mar. 1839 age 45] [m. James Lewis according to "A Brief Genealogy..."]*
- vi Joseph Loughry b. 1790
- vii. John Loughry b. 1792 [Must have had a wife named Margaret if William, father of Joseph Nelson Loughry, is the same William of this family. See Notebook of Joseph Nelson Loughry wherein it gives the death of Margaret Loughry, consort of Jno Loughry, in 1849.]
- viii. William Loughry b. 1795, m. [Mary] Chambers [Traced by client]

**The Loughry Genealogy* (Julia A. Jewett, *A Brief Genealogy of The Loughry Family of Pennsylvania*, St. Louis, Mo.: priv. pr., 1923), hereafter cited as *A Brief Genealogy*.

Excerpts from a notebook of Joseph Nelson Loughry provided by client mention the death of Mary Loughry October 30th, 1849 (who would be mother of Joseph Nelson Loughry). Also, "Aunt Sally Loughry ... told me the last words she heard distinctly ..." A further note states "Margaret Loughrey consort of Jn^s died Decr 18th 1849 and refers to her, "Aunt Margaret suffered ..." Also, Nancy Martin died July 1849, and there is a notation "I have never heard the particulars of Aunt Nancy's death ..." A further remark, "This in one year have a Mother and two Aunts been called to thru long hours..." These references to the death of his mother Mary and aunts Nancy and Margaret and the mention of an aunt Sally would appear to help substantiate that William Loughry who married Mary Chambers and who had a sister Sally, a sister-in-law Margaret and a mother Mary could be the same person. It is noted that in client's data there is no mention of William having a sister Nancy though he did have a sister-in-law Nancy (wife of Benjamin) who would be an aunt. Perhaps she is the aunt Nancy Martin (if she was left widowed and remarried), or perhaps aunt Nancy Martin is through Mary (Chambers) Rose side of the family. More investigation is needed, but the clues look promising and it does appear that this William Loughry who married Esther Allison is a family worth pursuing.

Client indicates that the listing of children of William and Esther that he provided is based on information received from the Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Since it is not known on what that Society based their information, the whole list needs to be documented. Client is aware that this is a "weak" link and hopes to obtain further information to support the connection.

THE SEARCH

1. It is noted that William Loughry, father of Joseph Nelson Loughry, is referred to as "Colonel." It is assumed that he may have had service in the War of 1812. There are some avenues of search:
 - a. Check M602 (National Arcnives microfilm) to see if there is a compiled military service file for William Loughry.
 - b. Check M848 (National Archives microfilm) to see if he received bounty land under acts 1811 1814.

Note: Since William died in 1826, he did not live long enough for bounty land under acts of 1848-1855 which generally contain more genealogical information. Nonetheless, the above papers may have something useful. William Loughry also did not live long enough for the first general pension act for War of 1812 (which was enacted in 1871). On the chance that he could have been disabled during the War of 1812, and received a pension for that disability, the publication by Virgil D. White, *Index to Old Wars Pension Files 1815-1926* (Waynesboro, Tenn.: The Natl. Historical Publ. Co., 1993) was examined but did not contain a listing for him.

2. Check records of Indiana County, Pennsylvania for an estate (either testate or intestate) of William Loughry. Also check for an estate for his wife Esther. Either may have named children.
3. Get the will of William Loughry referred to elsewhere in this report, supposedly dated and proved in 1825.
4. Do a search of and abstract of deeds in Indiana County and Westmoreland County involving the Loughry family. This should include all Loughry in the pertinent time period, for client's Loughry could appear on the record of another Loughry even though he might not be indexed. For instance, William Loughry could be a witness on another Loughry document, which would infer relationship.
5. The same strategy should be undertaken for estates and other court records, that is, search them all for Loughry in the pertinent time period. It is often possible to build up a good case by tying people together through their association on documents.
6. Check the Allison family in Indiana County to the extent that might indicate whether the parents of Esther (Allison) Loughry may have deeded land to grandchildren, or named grandchildren in *their* wills or estates.
7. Check newspapers for obituaries of Margaret Loughry who died in 1849, of Mary Loughry who died the same year, and Nancy Martin who died that year.
8. Check records of Bedford County, Pennsylvania since *The Loughry Genealogy* (Julia A. Jewett, *A Brief Genealogy of The Loughry Family of Pennsylvania*, St. Louis, Mo.: priv. pr., 1923) (p. 25) indicates William Loughry (Sr.) lived there. Since he evidently lived in the part of the county that became Westmoreland County, it would be important to examine records of Westmoreland County also. This source states he settled in Ligonier Valley, locating on the Loyalhanna. Further, that he was a physician, and "I am told" spelled his name Lowery. In 1783 he owned 200 acres of land in Westmoreland County, also horses, cattle and sheep. Because of this, it would be important not only to check county land records, but also state grants.
9. Ultimately, it will probably be necessary to also examine Loughry of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, since the revolutionary war records indicate William enlisted from there (see later).

It would also be important to try to determine a listing of the other children of William and Mary (Chambers) Loughry, parents of Joseph Nelson Loughry, for records left by those other children (siblings of Joseph) could provide valuable clues.

PROBLEMS OR OBSERVATIONS

There appears to be some "problems" that need to be resolved.

1. Nancy Martin - called Aunt Nancy in Joseph Nelson Loughry's Notebook - who is she? Can her relationship be explained?
2. *A Brief Genealogy of One Branch of The Loughry Family of Pennsylvania*, (Cincinnati, Ohio 1933, rev. 1997), includes information on William Loughry "1730-1824" and **Rebecca** Loughry "1730-1850" who are purported to be parents of William Loughry who married Esther Allison. There is an error of some type here, for otherwise Rebecca lived 120 years. The same compilation gives information about William Loughry 1756-1825 and Esther Allison 1759-1825. It refers to a will dated 15 August 1825 and proved 5 October 1825, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. It does not fit the 1826 death date of William Loughry as

given, though perhaps someone has erred in transcribing the dates. Does client have a copy of this will? The contents would be very important to study in connection with this search. The complete probate packet should be examined, including inventories, accounts, petitions, etc.

3. **REVOLUTIONARY FILE.** In Virgil White's *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files* 4 vol. (Waynesboro, Tenn.: Natl Historical Publ. Co., 1990), there is an entry under William Loughrey or Lochary, abstract included under the spelling of **LAUGHREY**. From this, the file number (from M804 of the National Archives) is BLW #9792- 100-9 July 1789, served as a Private in the PA Line. William or William Loughrey or Lochary, Margaret, R6165, Pa. Line, solemnized marriage **Margaret Galbreath** at the home of her brother Robrt Galbreath (who was decd in 1839) on 6 August 1790 or 1791 in the part of Westmoreland County that became Indiana County, Pennsylvania. **Soldier died in October 1806**, widow applied 16 September 1839 Armstrong County the part that became Clarion County, Pennsylvania aged 72, states soldier had enlisted in **Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**. Widow did receive a Pennsylvania State pension. Widow died in 1850. Children shown were: James b. in 1792 and in 1839 made affidavit in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania and was there in 1853 and William who made affidavit in 1839 in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania and mentions his own children. This file is of course of immense interest. Who is this William Loughrey, and is he connected with client's William? The complete revolutionary file should be examined on M804. It is possible that some mix-up has occurred in records of client's William, and the above William, which intensifies the necessity of thoroughly examining the records in the pertinent counties. It should also be noted that according to the typescript sent by client of gravestones in Indiana County, the gravesite of William Loughry who died 27 September 1826 shows him not only in the Revolutionary War, but having served from **Lancaster County**.

SPELLING OF NAME

It would appear that in addition to Loughrey, attention should be made to entries showing Laughrey (see revolutionary file) and Lowery/Lowry.

SUGGESTION FOR SEARCH

It is this researcher's suggestion that client pursue the War of 1812 records for the possibility that Col. William Loughry served in that war.

Also, that research be undertaken in the counties of Cumberland, Bedford, Westmoreland, and Indiana and probably at some point in Lancaster County in the courthouse records. A broad search of all Loughrey in the pertinent period in those counties is suggested. Relationships can often be inferred when those with the same surnames witnessed for each other, served as bondsmen for each other, lived in the same part of the county, etc. It would appear that it will take such a search to reveal records left by the Loughry family that could connect client's group to the others of the surname. The search does not need to be conducted all at the same time. Client could proceed with search of one county at a time. Search of estate and court records is particularly recommended for Indiana County since the will supposedly was filed there, but Westmoreland County could be equally important.

Further note: In client's initial contact with the present researcher, he mentioned that the family was first found in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania after their removal from Ireland. This researcher does not see anything in the material provided to comment on this further, but it would appear that records of Cumberland County should be examined if this indeed was their residence.