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THE two family names that have been reproduced most frequently among the descendants of Archibald Bard, of "Carroll's Delight," are Richard and Archibald. The former is seldom found in families of Scotch-Irish descent, while the latter is generally restricted to persons of Scotch extraction. William is a name common to the English Bardes, or Beards, and the Scotch Bairds, but the compiler of this history has found Archibald only in the family of William Baird, of Grange, in County Tyrone. Because Archibald Bard, the ancestor of the Bardes, of the Conococheague, Pa., and of Bardstown, Ky., was possibly of this family, what is known of the Bairds of Grange is here related.

The ancestor of the Bairds of Grange was William Baird. His name appears on the Hearth Money Roll for 1666 and another undated Roll on which are the names of John Baird of Strabane. John Beard of Tatnepoil, and John Berd of Gortevy. He lived at Grange, near the Foyle, in the parish of Donagheady, barony of Strabane, County Tyrone. The greater part of this parish was granted by James I, to Sir John Drummond, who founded the town of Dunamanagh, where he erected a bawn. Grange derived its name from the ancient church of Grange, now in ruins, which belonged to the Abbey of Derry. Near the ruins is an old graveyard that was the burial-place of the Bairds. There

only guesswork in a case where one guess is as good as another. Others of his name preceded him, and still others followed after him. The early Bard, Baird and Beard settlers in Pennsylvania, who came from the banks of the Foyle, in themselves make a complicated connection. Among these was John Baird, who settled in Christiana Hundred, in New Castle county, Del., before 1728. He was the son of James Baird, of Strabane, and he is the only one of the name whose paternity in Ireland has been positively identified.

John Baird, the ancestor of the Baird family of Strabane, County Tyrone, and the grandfather of John Baird, of Christiana Hundred, evidently settled at or near Strabanetown with James Hamilton, Earl of Abercorn, at the Plantation of Ulster, or soon afterward. About the time of his death, which occurred between 1661 and 1665, his name appears on an undated Hearth Money Roll for one hearth in Strabane. On the same roll are the names of John Beard for a hearth in Tatnepoil, in Leckpatrick parish, and John Berd, of Gortevy, in Donaghedy parish. In 1666, the name of John Baird, Beard or Berd is not found on the Roll for any of these places. An answer made in 1676, to an Exchequer Bill of Andrew Baird, son and heir, and claiming to be executor of John Baird, of Strabane, smith, deceased, dated January 26, 1675, admits that Andrew Baird is the eldest son of John Baird, but denies that he is executor and asserts that James Baird is "the executor of John Baird, who is in possession of the tenement named in the Bill."

Thus we learn that John Baird, of Strabane, had issue, among others, two sons, Andrew and James.

James Baird, the second son of John Baird, smith, of Strabane, acquired a number of his father's houses and outlots at Strabane, including the smithy. Like his father he was a smith. His deeds were lost during the occupation of the country by the army of King James II, 1688-89, and his claim for the houses and lands, filed in 1703, was allowed. A memorial registered in the Registry of Deeds Office, Dublin, shows that after his death his forge and dwelling in Strabane, two parcels of land situated above and near the Holy Well, near the town, and the Kirriduffe townland, Termonamagan parish, County Tyrone, were sold to George Machey or McGhea. His will was dated May 30, 1719. He married and had issue: John, William, James, Sydney, Rebecca and Jane, married _____ Winkham.

John Baird or Beard, son of James Baird, smith, of Strabane, emigrated to America soon after his father's death, and settled in Christiana Hundred, New Castle county, Del. By deeds of lease and release, dated July 4 and 5, 1728, his wife, Rebecca Beard, and his eldest son, Robert Beard, conveyed the house on which his father, James Beard, lived in Strabane, with the forge, to George Machey; also two parcels of enclosed land near the Holy Well, near Strabane town, and Kirriduffe townland in the Manor of Hastings. The deeds were executed by Rebecca and Robert Beard for themselves and for John Beard under a letter of attorney, dated February 24, 1728. The Manor of Hastings contained the town

of Castlederg. At the time the above deeds were executed, John Beard was evidently alone in Christiana Hundred, his wife and son Robert being in Ireland. It is believed that he settled in Chester county, Pa., as a John Beard was a taxable in New Londonderry township, 1729-44.

With this satisfactory account of the antecedents of John Baird, of Christiana Hundred, it is greatly to be regretted that we have lost trace of his relations in Ireland and of his posterity in America. Beyond the legal proceedings in which he became involved and the fact that he paid hearth money in Strabane, in 1666, we have no knowledge of Andrew Baird, John's uncle. Andrew Baird or Beard may have been the father of Moses Beard, who was an elder of the Presbyterian Church at Lifford, County Donegal, opposite Strabane, and was a delegate to the General Synod of Ulster, with his pastor, John Ball, in 1724. Of John Baird's brothers and sisters and their posterity we only know that his brother James followed the occupation of their father and grandfather—that of a blacksmith in Strabane—and that by his wife Elizabeth he had an only child, Elizabeth Baird, who was married to Arthur Carroll or McCarroll. Even the fate of John Baird's son Robert, who was with his mother in Ireland in 1729, was left to possible oblivion.

Barbara Bard, born in April, 1752, was married to George Leisser, and went to Ohio. Paul Bard, born in April, 1765, had a son George. Elizabeth Bard, born in August, 1768, was married to Christian Dick, of Abbottstown, and had a son, George Dick.

Francis Bard, son of Martin and Sevilla Bard, died in 1788. He owned a homestead in Germany township, York, now Adams county, Pa., that was sold by his administrator, by order of the court, for the payment of his debts. The property was sold to George Unger for £203. Francis Bard had two sons, John and Francis. John Bard died before his father, leaving a daughter, Catharine, and a son, John. Francis Bard, the younger, was administrator of his father's estate.

The ancestor of another Frederick county, Md., family of German Bards was Nicklaus Bard. He emigrated to Pennsylvania on the ship "Edinburgh," James Russel, master, landing at Philadelphia, August 13, 1750. His name is spelled Bard in Rupp's "Thirty Thousand Names," and it is the only instance of this spelling of the name in the voluminous lists printed in that work. It has not been ascertained whether he had other children besides his son John, who wrote his name Beard.

John Beard, son of Nicklaus Bard, the emigrant, was a wagon-maker in Frederick county, Md., and owned a farm of eighteen acres that he called "Wagon Wheel." He gave his land to his two eldest sons, Nicholas and John, who were to divide with the other children, share and share alike. At the time of his death his children were all minors.

His will was dated August 26, 1763, and proved February 19, 1764, with his father as his executor. He left a wife, Clora, and a son Michael, besides Nicholas and John, and other children.

Nicholas Beard, son of John and Clora Beard, was a private in Captain William Heyser's company of the German regiment, commanded by Baron Arendt. He had a son, Andrew Beard, probably among other children, whose son, George Beard, died at or near Chewsville, Md., February 28, 1873.

John Beard, son of John and Clora Beard, was a Revolutionary soldier; he enlisted in Washington county, Md.

Michael Beard, son of John and Clora Beard, was probably identical with Michael Bawart, who was a private in Captain William Heyser's company, of the German regiment, commanded by Baron Arendt.

Frederick Beard, whose parentage is not ascertained, but who was probably a grandson of Nicklaus Bard, was born at Mechanicstown, Frederick county, Md., November 1, 1767, and died in 1842. He served in the Revolution, part of the time in the Commander-in-Chief's guard. About 1810, he removed to Liberty township, Adams county, Pa., where he owned 2,500 acres of land at Fountaindale. He was married to Margaret Weigle.

Issue:

1. Jacob Beard, went to Michigan, in 1848.
2. John Beard, went to Janesville, Ohio.
3. Samuel Beard, lived at Fountaindale, Adams county, Pa. Issue: Lewis, George, Jessie, Josiah, Reuben, Levi, David, Rachel, and Julia Ann.

The names of William Beard and David Beard appear in juxtaposition only in the northeastern parishes of County Antrim. Their names appear in conjunction in 1669 in a hearth money roll of Glenarm, in Carncastle parish, County Antrim, for one hearth each. This parish of Carncastle, or Castle-Cairn, is situated on the shore of the North Channel, which forms its eastern boundary, and upon the road from Larne to Glenarm and the royal military road from Belfast to the Giants' Causeway. It is only three miles northwest by north from Larne, and within easy reach of the parish of Broadisland or Templecorran, in which Isaac Baird was living half a century later. It is fully within the line of reasonable possibility that William Beard, of the Hearth Money Roll, was the father of David, and that David Beard was the father of Archibald Beard, of Carroll's Delight. This assumption is met, however, by some conflicting but, perhaps, not irreconcilable facts. In 1724, David Beard served as a delegate to the General Synod of Ulster at Dungannon with the Rev. James Creighton, Presbyterian minister at Glenarm. Was he the David Beard of the Hearth Money Roll of 1669? It is possible, but it seems unlikely. In 1716, when John Beard died at Glenarm, the administration bond of his widow Ellinor was signed by David Beard and James Wilson. This David was probably a son of John and Ellinor Beard, of Glenarm, and the Presbyterian elder of 1724. In 1722, a David Beard died in the parish of Donegore, in the barony of Upper Antrim, County Antrim. This parish is a few miles east by north of the town of Antrim. Jane Beard,

his widow, was his administratrix. Her sureties were William and Robert Beard, probably her sons. William Beard died in the parish of Ballyeaston, near Ballyclare, county Antrim, in 1743, and Robert Beard in Donegore parish in 1746, Martha Beard being his administratrix. That William and Robert Beard were brothers is indicated by the fact that Robert was William's administrator, and that they were of the Glenarm family is suggested if not proved by the coincidence that the administration bonds of both John Beard of Glenarm, and David Beard, of Donegore, were witnessed by the same person, William Carroll. A similar coincidence came in the next generation, Henry Marmion being the witness to the administration bonds both of William Beard, of Ballyeaston, and James Beard, of Creagorgan, county Antrim, who died in 1750, leaving a son, John Beard. That William and Robert, and, perhaps, James Beard were brothers of Archibald Beard, of Carroll's Delight, is probable but "not proven."

James Baird, a grandson of Elder David Beard, lived at Glenarm until 1905, when he died at a very advanced age. It was his belief that if Archibald Beard, of Carroll's Delight, belonged to the Glenarm family he was married not at Glenarm but at Coal Island. Mr. Baird could give no explanation of this belief, but it is often found in the vague traditions of families that latent memories of migration exist long after all actual knowledge of them has been obliterated. The truth of James Baird's belief can be supported by probabilities, even if it can not be proved. Coal Island is a post town in the center of the Tyrone

coal field, on the roads from Dungannon to Ballinderry and from Lurgan to Stewartstown. It is noted for a canal three miles in length from the river Blackwater, which it joins near Lough Neagh. In this connection it is noteworthy that John Dren and George Littell, two of the sureties on the bond of John Beard, as administrator of his father, James Beard, of Creagnogan, were both of the parish of Killead, which is situated four and a half miles south of the town of Antrim, on the road to Lurgan, and for eight miles on the west is bounded by Lough Neagh. Thus we see that this family of the Beards of Ulster was scattered from the North Sea to the Blackwater. The importance of this fact will be all the more manifest when we come to discuss the marriage of Archibald Beard in the Potter Sketch in "The Bard Kinship."

It is not improbable that the father of William Beard, of the Glenarm Hearth Money Roll of 1669, was David Bard, of Island Magee. In the so-called "Depositions of 1641" there are abstracts of the examination of a number of persons, including Katharine Bard, wife of David, concerning the murder of Phelemy McGee and his family in Island Magee, in one of which it is said that after McGee had been left for dead he was sheltered by David Beard, but that he was killed the next day. From this David Bard or Beard the family name of David has been preserved in the Beard family of County Antrim until the present time. There is a David Baird who keeps a public house in Ballywee, but unfortunately he knows nothing of his ancestors. Ballywee is in Kilbride parish, adjoining Donegore. James Baird owns New-

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