

Paisley Family Research and News

Nearly 200-Year-old dress of Jane Paisley's granddaughter survives

Martha McDowell was born on 29 January 1790 in Cowpens, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Joseph McDowell and Martha White and the granddaughter of John White and Jane Paisley. Jane was the daughter of Tyrone Co Ireland immigrant William Paisley.

Martha married Aaron Orendorff in 1813 in Adairville, Kentucky. The first six children were born in Robertson, Tennessee. The family emigrated to the prairie of Illinois in October of 1837 riding in a linchpin wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. They first built a log cabin and then Aaron built a brick home. Three more children were born. The Orendorff's helped established the town of Hopedale, Tazewell County, Illinois. Also joining them in Hopedale was Martha's brother the Rev. Joseph McDowell who was the first regular minister in Hopedale. Martha's widowed sister Jane Paisley also made the trip. Jane had married 1799 in Robertson, Tennessee to Thomas Morgan Paisley, son of Capt. Robert Paisley and grandson of immigrant William Paisley.

Silk made in the United States became very popular in the early 1800s, but it was considered of poor quality and many women still purchased silk imported from Europe. In a 1916 letter by Darius White Orendorff, son of Aaron and Martha, he talks about the family raising their own food and making their own clothes. Martha's surviving dress is predominantly silk and completely hand stitched. It is a brick red color with a 9" vertical repeat floral pattern with silk colored stitching. The sleeves are cut on a bias, which allows room for more movement and stretching. The sleeves are lined with an indigo dyed linen and gussets under the arms. The bodice is cotton trimmed with silk ribbon and velvet and has (only one left) whale baleen stays. The dress was expensive in its day and the colors striking.



Martha McDowell Orendorff's dress is being modeled by 16-year old Mia Hazelwood, sixth great-granddaughter. The dress recently came into the possession of Mia's grandmother Sharon Drake Schirding of Petersburg, Illinois.

In 1921, Lucy Mount, great-granddaughter of Martha McDowell Orendorff, wore Martha's dress for a re-enactment of Clara Barton.



A closer look at the dress material.



Paisley and Orendorff families are connected in many ways

Sharon Schirding continues to clean house and send items to Diane Langston for the Paisley Family Archives. Once recent item is a Aug 29, 1928 letter from Hummer Orndorff of Adairville KY to Julia Drake, the author of *From Mill Wheel to Plow-share*. Hummer said he was the grandson of Eli Orndorff who married Margaret Paisley. He did not know who Margaret's parents were.

In discussion with Mark Ulmer, Diane Langston and he both think it is a good possibility that Margaret was a daughter of William Paisley (1773-1833), son of Capt. Robert Paisley who was the son of immigrant William Paisley of Tyrone Co Ireland. From the 1810 census of Christian Co KY, it is known that William Paisley had at least 8 children, most of whom remain unidentified. Margaret Paisley married Eli Orndorff and they named their first son William Paisley Orndorff.

Eli Orndorff's brother Hiram married Susannah Paisley. Julia quoted in her book on page 135 from a letter written 16 Oct 1843 from John Orndorff of Kentucky to his brothers in Illinois: "Christian's son Hiram was married last week to John Pasley's daughter." Susana Paisley and H. H. Orndorff were married in Logan KY on 2 Oct 1843. Susannah Paisley, was the daughter of John Paisley. John was another son of Capt. Robert Paisley. So, the Paisley and Orndorff families have a shared history.

Married in a Borrowed Shirt

In the Aug 29, 1928 letter from Hummer Orndorff, he talks about the marriage of his grandfather Eli Orndorff to Margaret Paisley:

"When he was to marry he had only one Sunday shirt which was washed and hung on line to dry and a calf got it and chewed it so he had to borrow a shirt to marry in."

Obituary— Jimmy Gallagher

Jimmy Gallagher and his wife Judy were members of the Paisley Family Association and the Clan Paisley Society. Jimmy proudly wore the Paisley tartan kilt at Scottish games. He was warm, generous and funny, and will be missed by his Paisley “cousins.”

James Joseph “Jimmy” Gallagher, 74, of Woodbridge, Virginia, passed away on March 29, 2022 after a bravely fought 4 1/2 year battle with lung cancer. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 21, 1948 to Michael Gallagher and Kathleen Brabson, but most of his childhood was spent in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. After graduating from Gwynn Park High School, Jimmy enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was trained to be a Steam Engineer, and that was what he did professionally until he retired, spending the last several decades of his career at the World Bank as a Building Engineer and Project Manager. Jimmy had many interests. He took flying and parachuting lessons, learned to ski, and finally decided that his primary interest was in Scuba Diving. He became an instructor, certifying over 500 students. One of those students was Judy, who later became his wife. Jimmy and Judy learned to cave dive and did more than 300 cave dives in Florida, Mexico and Virginia. For several years Jimmy was president of Capital Divers, a local dive club, and organized events such as the Underwater Pumpkin Carving contest. He participated in feral cat neuter programs for a number of years. In his 50s, Jimmy attended Northern Virginia Community College and earned an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. He then took art courses there, showing his true talent. He joined the Prince William Art Society and was president of that organization for many years. He served on the Prince William Arts Council and in 2019 was awarded the Kathleen Seefeldt Pioneer Award for Lifetime Contribution to the Arts. He painted a rain barrel each year as a fund raiser for the Prince William Conservation Alliance, and also painted the entrance kiosk at Merrimac Farm Wildlife Management Area in Nokesville, Virginia. Some of his art can be seen at his Flickr site <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jimmygva/>

He was pre-deceased by his parents Michael and Kathleen, and also by his beloved foster parents Randy and Edie Burgess. He will be sorely missed by his wife Judy, his sister Jeanne Payne in Washington state, his brothers Michael of Arlington, Va. and Billy (Sharon) of Florida, brother-in-law Dave Jones (Karen) of British Columbia, a number of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Donations in Jimmy’s memory may be made to Prince William Art Society, PO Box 2013, Woodbridge, VA 22195, the Prince William Conservation Alliance at <http://www.pwconserve.org> (click on the Donate button), or Rikki’s Refuge, PO Box 1357, Orange VA 22960.



Moonlight through the trees 8"x24" acrylic on canvas , 2018 by Jimmy Gallagher

Obituary— Dr. Marion Fries Dick

Dr. Marion Fries Dick of Birmingham, Alabama died on 3 Sep 2021. He was the son of the Rev. Frederick Marion Dick and Mabel Fries. Dr. Dick was born 26 Sep 1925 in Charlotte, VA. He married Dorothy Faye Tynes in 1949. Dr. Dick joined the Navy during WWII and was sent to Emory University by the V2 program. He enrolled in the University of Tennessee Dental School and graduated with a Doctor of Dental Science. He worked as a dentist in Birmingham before moving to the Kirkland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Dr. Dick enlisted in the Air Force. He then went to Northwestern University in Chicago to specialize in orthodontics. After graduation he moved his family back to Birmingham. He was a member at First Presbyterian Church and later at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Dr. Dick was a past-President of the Vestavia Rotary Club. He enjoyed boating, flying, and playing golf. He is survived by his five children, 12 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Marion Fries Dick's father, the Rev. Frederick Marion Dick, was born in Guilford County NC and was an early member of the Paisley Family Association. The Paisley line continues back to James Alexander Dick, Nancy Jane Paisley, Preston Paisley, William Paisley Jr, and William Paisley of Tyrone Co Ireland.

[Sources: niece Katherine Dick Benbow, *The Birmingham News* Sep 4, 2021, and the Clan Paisley database.]

Obituary—Linda Price Bennett

Linda Price Bennett, 79, died on Friday, September 2, 2022, at her home in Stokesdale, North Carolina. Interment was at the Sardis Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Linda and her husband Alex were faithful members and attendee of Paisley Family Association gatherings. Her smile, laugh, and friendship will be missed by PFA members. Alex is the son of the late Inez Paisley and grandson of Carlton Vance Paisley (1874-1943) of Guilford County NC.

Linda was born on 5 July 1943, in Rockingham County, to the late Roy Price and Ethel Turner Price. She was a graduate of Bethany High School, where she played basketball. She was a current member of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church and a former member of Flat Rock United Methodist Church, where she served in the nursery, the church choir and the Women's Society. Linda enjoyed gardening, crafting, attending her grandson's sporting events and water aerobics at the Spears YMCA.

Survivors include her husband, Alexander Lawrence Bennett Jr.; son, Alexander Lawrence Bennett III "Larry" (Linda); daughter, Jamie Lee Bennett Flynt (Sam); grandchildren, Nichole Bennett, Caitlin Bennett and Alex Flynt; brothers, Eli Price (Alice) and Thomas Price (Brenda); sisters, Audrey Sloane and Margaret Norris (Bobby); and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

[Sources: Greensboro New & Record, Colonial Funeral Home website, Clan Paisley database]



Linda at the July 16th Paisley lunch

Sister or Niece to William & John Paisley?!

The family of our immigrant ancestors, William and John Paisley, are a mystery. We know from a letter by William's grandson that the brothers came from County Tyrone, Ulster Ireland. In 1922 the Public Records Office in Dublin burned, destroying over a 1000 Church of Ireland parish records, wills, and the 1821 census. There are some parish records that were still at the local level and most Presbyterian records were kept elsewhere. Volunteers and officials have slowly been working to make surviving records more accessible. A fantastic website for Tyrone County genealogy records is sponsored by the County Tyrone Ireland Genealogy Research group: <https://www.cotyroneireland.com/index.html>

In their records is this entry:

**Jane Paisly married Francis Grimston
on 13 Oct 1749 at St. Michael's Church of Ireland,
Castlecaulfield, Donaghmore Parish in County Tyrone Ireland**

This is an amazing early record for a Paisley in the Donaghmore area of Tyrone County. William Paisley married Elenor McLean in 1736. We know that William and John left several brothers and sisters in Ireland. The marriage date of 1749 for Jane Paisley fits the time frame for a younger sister or niece to be married! Small clues like this, can lead us to more information.



St. Michael's Church in Castlecaulfield, Donaghmore Parish

Paisley Family Association 2022



FRONT: Diane Langston, Carol Simpson, Roland Kennedy, Curtis Kennedy, Jean McCollum, Jean Hurt, Linda Bennett, Alex Bennett,
BACK: Gary Paisley, Caitlyn Paisley, Velma Loy, Faye McCollum Robinson, Kelly McCollum, Wanda McCollum, Annie & Chad Smith,
Deana Kennedy King, Randall King, Paul McCollum, Harvey McCollum, Ken Hurt, Don Paisley, Jamie Bennett Flynt.

NOT PICTURED: Emily Clapp, Jay Langston, Judy Fuquay Whiting

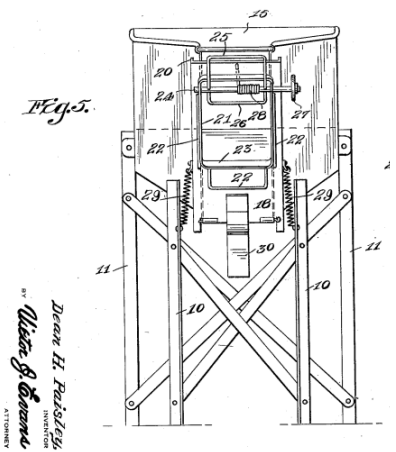


The Paisley Family Association held their annual meeting and lunch on July 16, 2022 at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in McLeansville NC. President Don Paisley presided over the meeting where the PFA Charter was approved. The program honored long-time member Curtis Kennedy who turned 100 on April 1st. PHOTO ABOVE: Curtis Kennedy and Don Paisley listen to Harvey McCollum. PHOTO RIGHT: Judy Whiting listens to one of Curtis' fascinating stories.



Paisley Potato Sacker Patent

Information on Paisley USA Patents is continued from the last newsletter, issue 50. To see more details on this invention and all others submitted from Paisley's, go to <https://patents.google.com/>



Date/Location	Paisley Inventor	Invention	Patent app or Patent #	Family Connection
1932 Cambridge, Furnas County, Nebraska	Dean H. Paisley	Potato Sacker	1,862,424	Dean, son of Benjamin Otis & Helen Rambo Paisley, grandson of Hugh & Matilda Nyberg Paisley, g-grandson of Robert & Mary McCullough Paisley, gg-grandson of Hugh and Diana Rogers Paisley.

Farming the Great Plains in the 1930's

When Dean H. Paisley submitted his Potato Sacker invention patent application in November of 1930, the United States was just entering the Great Depression. Combine that with widespread drought in the Great Plains, farmers in Nebraska were struggling. The main crops for Nebraska were corn, oats, sorghum, alfalfa, and winter wheat. Coming in sixth in crop value for Nebraska was potatoes. Potatoes were labor-intensive to harvest and package. The selling price for potatoes was so low that it cost more to hire workers than what the potatoes were worth. Dean Paisley came up with a Potato Sacker that had an improved hopper for filling sacks. It also provided the means to adjust to different sizes and shapes of bags.

Despite the horrific struggle to maintain family farms, the creativity and resilience of famers is to be celebrated and remembered. Farming technology in the 1930s was a boon to farmers. In addition to Dean's potato sacker, the first tractors with rubber wheels were made, better combines were produced, hybrid seed corn was invented, and modern pesticides became available. The most exciting and transforming events were the addition of electricity and indoor plumbing in rural areas.

Sources and for more information see

<https://livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe30s/farminginthe1930s.html>

<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3320&context=extensionhist>

<https://news.prairiepublic.org/main-street/2018-09-21/potatoes-save-the-day>

<https://history.nebraska.gov/blog/flashback-friday-%E2%80%9Ci-don%E2%80%99t-know-what-we%E2%80%99d-have-done-without-indians%E2%80%9D>

Flower “Inventions” from the U.S. Patent Office

A search on the word “Paisley” in the U.S. Patent Office website or Google’s Patent site, will bring up Paisley Scotland, Paisley print designs for multiple products, and names for newly invented flowers! On the left is the “Plum Paisley” Begonia invented 2011 by Ozzie Johnson Jr. in Alpharetta Georgia. On the right is the “Purple Paisley,” a new variety of orchid invented 2007 by James William McCully in Hilo, Hawaii.



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Websites of interest to the Paisley Family

Clan Paisley family tree: www.ancestry.com. This is a private online tree. Contact Diane and she will have Gary Paisley, Administrator, send you an invitation to view.

Clan Paisley Society:

<http://www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk/>

Paisley Family Society USA Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paisley-Family-Society/195070730565352>

Paisley Family DNA Project web page:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/paisley/>

Paisley & Allied Families Autosomal DNA Project :

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/paisleyallied-autosomal/about>

Guilford County NC Revolutionary War info:

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/nc/guilford/guilfordmilitary.htm>

WikiTree:

<https://www.wikitree.com/genealogy/PAISLEY>