

Descendants of John Riordan

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John (Rearden) Riordan was born about 1825 in Ireland. John was married first about 1848 to Ellen (Ellendor) _____, born about 1821 in Ireland. Ellen died December 6, 1856, in Raleigh County, Virginia.

1850 Western District of Botetourt County, Virginia
August 2, 1850 (This appears to be a boarding house.)
Dennis Collins 30 Born Ireland
Mary Collins 35 Born Ireland
John Rearden 25 Born Ireland
Timothy Fitzpatrick 28 Born Ireland
James Reardon 28 Born Ireland
Jerry Fitzpatrick 2 Born New Hampshire
John Fitzpatrick 1 Born Connecticut
Ellen Nihill 25 Born Ireland
Additional individuals are listed.

1860 Raleigh County, Virginia
Household #30 – In the vicinity of Beckley
John Riordan 35 Born Ireland
Mary 25 Born Virginia
Denis 11 Born Vermont
James 8 Born Vermont
Pateric 7 Born Virginia
John Jr 11/12 Born Virginia
Mariah Caldwell 5 Born Virginia

Timothy Fitzpatrick was a godfather to one of the Riordan children, and John Riordan was a godfather to Timothy Fitzpatrick in 1857.

John and Ellen had children:

- Dennis Riordan was born about 1849 in Vermont.
- James Riordan was born about 1852 in Vermont.
- Patrick Riordan was born March 13, 1853, on Turkey Creek, Raleigh County, Virginia.
- Child Riordan was born August 14, 1855, in Raleigh County, Virginia. This child died the following day on August 15, 1855, in Raleigh County, Virginia.

- Son Riordan was born and died on December 4, 1856, in Raleigh County, Virginia.

John married second Mary Hendrix, born about 1837 to 1839. They were married on April 12, 1857, in Raleigh County, Virginia, by Felix Ellison. Mary's parents were Francis (Hendrick) Hendrix and Margaret "Peggy" Stewart. Francis was the son of Daniel Hendrix and Ann Keatley. Peggy was the daughter of Captain Ralph Stewart and Mary Clay.

John and Mary had children:

- Mary Margaret Riordan was born May 29, 1858, in Raleigh County, Virginia. Mary died July 29, 1858 in Raleigh County, Virginia.

- John Riordan, Jr., was born July 3, 1859, in Raleigh County, Virginia.

1870 Census Not Located.

1880 Greenbrier County, West Virginia

White Sulphur Springs

June 1880

John Riordan	72	Head Farming. Born Ireland. Father and Mother born Ireland
Mary	46	Wife Born Virginia. Father and Mother born Virginia. Keeping house
John Jr.	14	Son Born Virginia. Father and Mother born Virginia. Laborer

Source:

Census records

Raleigh county vital statistics

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