

# *Descendants of Gilbert Laughtan*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan** was born Abt. 1771. He married **Margaret Miller**.

Children of Gilbert Laughtan and Margaret Miller are:

- + 2            i. John<sup>2</sup> Laughton, born Apr 30, 1801 in St. Andrews, Orkney Isl., SCL.
- 3            ii. James Laughton, born Oct 23, 1803.
- 4            iii. Margaret Laughton, born Apr 09, 1806.

## *Generation No. 2*

**2. John<sup>2</sup> Laughton** (Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Apr 30, 1801 in St. Andrews, Orkney Isl., SCL. He married **Jean/Jane Spence** Jul 11, 1824 in St. Andrews, Orkney Co., SCL.

Notes for John Laughton:

GI 1992, p. 1,660-1,696.

Microfilm #0990501 - Scotland, Orkney, Holm 1-2, christening dates of John and Jane Spence Laughton's children.

Notes for Jean/Jane Spence:

IGI shows both Jean Spence and Jane Spence- Jean married to John Laughton, yet Jane is shown for christenings. It is believed that her full name is Jean Jane Spence. Note - marriage was in the St. Andrews Parish and the children's christenings were in the Paplay Parish. Letter from M. Bruce Halsted confirms Jean as wife of John Laughton.

Children of John Laughton and Jean/Jane Spence are:

- + 5            i. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Laughton, born Abt. 1825 in Orkney Co., Holm, SCL.
- 6            ii. Margaret Laughton, born Abt. 1826.
- + 7            iii. Jane Laughton, born Abt. 1828.
- + 8            iv. John Laughton, Jr., born Aug 15, 1829 in Orkney Isl., Paplay Parish, Holms, SCL; died Jun 09, 1896 in Malton [Malon], Ontario, Can.
- + 9            v. Thomas Laughton, born Abt. 1831.
- 10          vi. Sarah Laughton, born Abt. 1832. She married David Wooldrage.
- + 11          vii. Jerome Laughton, born Abt. 1834 in Holme Orkney Island, Scotland; died 1925 in Walkerton, Ontario, Canada.
- 12          viii. Mary Laughton, born Abt. 1836.
- + 13          ix. David Laughton, born Abt. 1840.

## *Generation No. 3*

**5. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1825 in Orkney Co., Holm, SCL. She married **Archibald Foubester**.

Children of Elizabeth Laughton and Archibald Foubester are:

- + 14 i. James<sup>4</sup> Foubester.
- 15 ii. Isabella Foubester.
- 16 iii. Jean Foubester.
- 17 iv. Mary Foubester.

7. **Jane<sup>3</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1828. She married **William Sinclair**.

Children of Jane Laughton and William Sinclair are:

- 18 i. Jemiena<sup>4</sup> Sinclair. She married James Tait.
- 19 ii. John Sinclair.
- 20 iii. William Sinclair. He married Christine Stewart.
- 21 iv. Bella Sinclair. She married James Flett.

8. **John<sup>3</sup> Laughton, Jr.** (John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Aug 15, 1829 in Orkney Isl., Paplay Parish, Holms, SCL, and died Jun 09, 1896 in Malton [Malon], Ontario, Can. He married **Kathleen Margaret Murphy** Abt. 1859, daughter of Murphy.

Notes for John Laughton, Jr.:

No middle name/initial is known, so John Laughton, Jr. is used.

IGI shows John and all the children of John Laughton (SR.) Married Jean Spence were born in the Paplay Parish - Ivan's letter says that John (Jr.) sailed, at age 23, on the S.S. Jamaica 5/20/1853 from Glaslow, SCL. to Montreal, CAN. where he took up farming around 1855 in Malon, Ontario, CAN..

Letter From- M Bruce Halstead, 201-1231-15th Ave.S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Can., T3G0x6, shows:

1871 Canada Census - Bruce Co.-Brant Township, shows John, age 41, born in Scotland, Presbyterian, Joiner (carpenter), married to Catherine, age 36, born in Ireland, with children- John, age 11; David, age 9; Mary Ann, age 7; Julia, age 5; Jane, age 1. (all children born in Ontario, Can.)

1881 Canada Census- Bruce Co.-Walkerton Township, shows other Children--William, age 8; Margaret, age 6; Edward, age 4; also born in Ontario.

Notes for Kathleen Margaret Murphy:

Cert. of Death, NY State Dept. of Health, Vital Statistics on file, with likely errors. On her death certificate the name is Catharine M. Laughton age 58, birthplace of Ireland, father as J. Laughton, mother as Katherine Murphy Laughton. On a copy of an announcement/tomb stone "in affectionate remembrance" the name is Kathleen Laughton. Both show DOD of 3/26/1896, and age 58.

1871 Canada Census-Bruce Co. Brant Township, shows name as Catherine and born in Ireland.

Children of John Laughton and Kathleen Murphy are:

- + 22 i. John Hugh<sup>4</sup> Laughton, born Abt. 1860 in Ontario, Canada.
- + 23 ii. David B. Laughton, born Abt. 1862 in Ontario, Canada.
- + 24 iii. Mary Ann Laughton, born Abt. 1864 in Ontario, Canada.
- 25 iv. Julia Laughton, born Nov 25, 1866 in Hamilton, Ontario, Can; died Dec 30, 1960 in Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., NY, US.

Notes for Julia Laughton:

Never married. Have: Remembrance Book, Death Certificate - State of New York No 888. Raised teenage twins William Alfred & John E., son's of Wm. Severn Laughton/Amy Catherine Mann, after their deaths 1927/1925. Julia, along with Margaret Laughton, Edward Laughton, Mary Laughton Black, and Kathleen Irene Black lived at 1315 Ontario Ave., Niagara Falls, NY. Extremely close neighbor was Gertrude Mrack.

- 26 v. Jane Laughton, born Abt. 1870 in Ontario, Canada.
- + 27 vi. William Severn Laughton, born Feb 28, 1872 in Wakerton, Ontario, Can; died Mar 09, 1927 in Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., NY.
- 28 vii. Margaret Elizabeth Laughton, born Jun 17, 1874 in Walkerton, Ontario, Can; died Jan 10, 1964 in Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., NY, USA.

Notes for Margaret Elizabeth Laughton:

Never married. Have: Remembrance Book.

- + 29 viii. Edward Laughton, born Abt. 1876 in Ontario, Can.

**9. Thomas<sup>3</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1831. He married **Margaret Jane Burston**.

Child of Thomas Laughton and Margaret Burston is:

- 30 i. Maggie Jean<sup>4</sup> Laughton.

**11. Jerome<sup>3</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1834 in Holme Orkney Island, Scotland, and died 1925 in Walkerton, Ontario, Canada. He married **Jean Smith** Jul 16, 1874 in St. Andrews Parish, Orkney Isl., Scotland, daughter of Robert Smith and Margaret Garrich.

Notes for Jerome Laughton:

Married Jean Smith 7/16/1874, St. Andrews Parish, Orkney Isl. children: Lillie and Herbert. Notes show that Jerome moved on 11/17/1887 to Walkerton, Ont., Bruce Co., Can., and eventually moved to California. Also, there is an indication that Jerome came to the USA along with John on the S.S. Jamaica.

Children of Jerome Laughton and Jean Smith are:

- 31 i. Lillie<sup>4</sup> Laughton.
- + 32 ii. Herbert Laughton, born Nov 17, 1887 in Walkerton, Ontario, Canada; died Jun 07, 1950 in Wilmar, Los Angeles, CA.
- + 33 iii. William Laughton.

**13. David<sup>3</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1840. He married **Margaret Laughton**.

Children of David Laughton and Margaret Laughton are:

- 34 i. John<sup>4</sup> Laughton.
- 35 ii. David Laughton.
- 36 iii. William S. Laughton.

**14. James<sup>4</sup> Foubester** (Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Laughton, John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan). He married **Jessie Ann**.

Children of James Foubester and Jessie Ann are:

- 37 i. Jessie Jane<sup>5</sup> Foubester. She married John Oddie.
- 38 ii. Hannah Foubester. She married ? McMillan.
- 39 iii. Isabella Foubester. She married Alan Laughton.
- 40 iv. Mary Elizabeth Foubester. She married J.D. Pratt.
- 41 v. Sarah Ann Foubester. She married Peter Thomson.
- 42 vi. James Foubester. He married Helen Sinclair.
- 43 vii. William Foubester. He married Bessie Milne.
- 44 viii. Helen May Foubester.

**22. John Hugh<sup>4</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1860 in Ontario, Canada. He married (1) **Louella Van Wyck**. He married (2) **Kate Campbell**.

Children of John Laughton and Louella Van Wyck are:

- 45 i. Fred .V.<sup>5</sup> Laughton. He married Myra Rogers.
- 46 ii. M.L.A. Laughton.
- 47 iii. Harry Laughton. He married Marye Buckley.
- 48 iv. George Laughton. He married Mary Elizabeth MacDonell.
- 49 v. Clair Laughton.
- 50 vi. Jack Laughton.
- 51 vii. Louise Laughton.
- 52 viii. Paul Laughton.

Child of John Laughton and Kate Campbell is:

- 53 i. John Campbell<sup>5</sup> Laughton.

**23. David B.<sup>4</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1862 in Ontario, Canada.

Notes for David B. Laughton:

Notes show David B. ran away from home since father was too strict, and took up railroading.

Children of David B. Laughton are:

- 54 i. Robert B.<sup>5</sup> Laughton.
- 55 ii. Grace Laughton, died Oct 1978.
- 56 iii. Irene Laughton. *r Letter from diplomat son, also David B*
- 57 iv. William Mui<sup>5</sup> Laughton, died Abt. 1943. He married Mattie Harvey.
- 58 v. Jack A. C. Laughton, born Abt. 1894. He married Edith. *Dec*

Notes for Jack A. C. Laughton:

Letter from Jack Laughton to William "Bill" Laughton:

Dear El and Bill;

About that time that we will wish you a very merry X-mas, and a happy New Year, hoping the past year has been good to you in health and happiness.

First to answer a question in your last letter - did Dave Laughton live in Edmonton? Not my Dad - he came along with the first construction railway that was built across Canada.

But my older brother Bill had a son named Dave - they all lived in Edmonton for a time.

This son, we call Davie - born in our Nelson B.C. home has just retired from his job for the Canadian Government as Ambassador to South America - Columbia, Equador and Venezuela. He was in the last Worlds War. He attended B.C. University - then do to good results in his agiculture results- was hired by the Canadian Government and sent down to Venezula South America. He had married an English girl during the war - so she went along to, and got to speaking Spanish. From this they had quite a lot of moving - on jobs in European countries, in the states Councilor in Seattle, Washington - Executive Director for Canada of M????- American Development Bank Washington D.C. and has just retired as Canadian Ambassador in South America of Columbia -Equador and Venezuela. He has put in a lot of year with the government and is settling down in southern B.C. close to the American border line. He and his wife a real Laughton character - and I should include our son Ivan in on that.

You mentioned about liking to see something of the family tree. Sorry - I failed to see our son regarding his - he was the interested one. I'll try and remember about it first time we are up in Nelson. His older daughter is supposed to getting married in coming July.

We have a picture of your Grandpa Laughton if your interested in that - we \_\_\_\_\_ get a copy. He must have arrived in Canada from the Orkney Islands Scotland in around 1855 and took up farming at Malon Ontario. His wife was a Irish woman and they had a big family - as you know better than I and they mostly ended up at Niagara Falls. The grandfather was very religious - shine your shoes on Saturday and no work on Sunday - outside of church. I guess this was too much for my Dad - as he ran away from home and worked on an American railway for a time - and then back to Canada and with the Canadian railway. I think I would like to have a tree family \_\_\_ for myself. You know - when one is young, your too busy to quiz your folks about family affairs - when they are gone - your sorry - its too late, they have passed away. I met your folks in 1922 when I was in college in Toronto. I know nothing of them now. I remember your Dad looking at my signature and saying yes it looks like a Laughton style alright. Also if I am getting the right person - your Mother- I fell in love with her deep southern accent.

Will close for now. Wishing you both - best health and happiness  
Love to all, Jack Laughton

**24. Mary Ann<sup>4</sup> Laughton (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1864 in Ontario, Canada. She married James Westley Black.**

Notes for Mary Ann Laughton:

Children of Mary Laughton and James Black are:

- 59        i. Kathleen Irene<sup>5</sup> Black, born Nov 06, 1885 in Paisley, Ontario, Canada; died Jul 25, 1964 in Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., NY.

Notes for Kathleen Irene Black:

Have: Remembrance Book

Burial - Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

- 60        ii. Charles Black.  
61        iii. Jack Black. He married Sue.

**27. William Severn<sup>4</sup> Laughton (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Feb 28, 1872 in Wakerton, Ontario, Can, and died Mar 09, 1927 in Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., NY. He married Amy Catherine Mann Abt. 1906, daughter of Charles Mann and Minnie Gray.**

Notes for William Severn Laughton:

Naturalized US Citizen on July 11, 1900. (Lived in U.S. at least 5 yrs prior). Several Photo's, including lacrosse team - Ivan Laughton's letters.  
Owned and operated the "Laughton Creamery & Dairy".

Notes for Amy Catherine Mann:

Death Certificate of Vital Statistics of the City of Niagara Falls, N.Y., shows DOB as 12/27/1883 at Lockport, NY; DOD as 4/20/1925.

Children of William Laughton and Amy Mann are:

- 62 i. Marion<sup>5</sup> Laughton, born Abt. 1907. She married Ronald Nolan.

Notes for Marion Laughton:

Believed to about 6 yrs. older than William and John.

- 63 ii. Jean Laughton, born Abt. 1910. She married Robert Retchless.

Notes for Jean Laughton:

No children

- 64 iii. William Alfred Laughton, born Jul 27, 1913 in Niagara Falls, Niagra Co., NY; died Sep 30, 1986 in ElReno, Canadian Co., OK. He married Eleanor Ramona Ghostley Dec 28, 1937 in Beaumont, Orange, TX, US.

Notes for William Alfred Laughton:

William. A. Laughton, DO; Laughton Clinic, 421 S. Rock Island, ElReno, OK..

William "Bill" A. Laughton is a twin to John "Jack" E. Laughton. Christening/Baptism took place in parents home.

Birth Certificate - State of New York - Registered No. 11872

Death Certificate - State of Oklahoma - File No. 19268

Notes for Eleanor Ramona Ghostley:

D.O. graduated from Kirksville School of Osteopathy

- 65 iv. John E. Laughton, born Jul 27, 1913 in Niagara Falls, Niagara Co., NY, US. He married Mary Jane McHugh.

Notes for John E. Laughton:

Identical twin of William A. Laughton.

**29. Edward<sup>4</sup> Laughton** (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Gilbert<sup>1</sup> Laughtan) was born Abt. 1876 in Ontario, Can. He married **Bert** Jun 06, 1900.

Notes for Edward Laughton:

Letters show married Bert [?] 6/6/1900; George Laughton is Edward's nephew who lives in London, Ontario, CAN..- lived with Julia several yrs until death.

Ed's first job, age 16 in 9/1/1892 for the railroad, worked 7 days a week, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with 1 hour for lunch, as janitor and messenger to start \$20.00 per month. Promoted after 6 months to \$40.00 per month.