

THE LANDERS FAMILY
OF
IRELAND AND RICHMOND, VIRGINIA¹

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— LANDERS¹ was born in Ireland, probably in the 1770s.

Children, all born in Ireland:

- i. JOHN² LANDERS, b. between 1803–1805; m. (1) —, (2) NANCY ANNIE HAGERTY.
- ii. THOMAS LANDERS, b. about 1816;² d. 24 January 1898;³ m. in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, 5 February 1849, MARY A. DIGGS,⁴ b. in Virginia, about 1832.⁵ Thomas married Mary under a dispensation of *disparitatis cultus* or "disparity of cults" [i.e., she wasn't a baptized Christian]. Michael Purcill and Mary King were witnesses.⁶

In 1850, Thomas and Mary were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond, residing with his brother, John Landers. He was twenty-five, born in Ireland. Mary was eighteen, born in Ireland.⁷

In 1860, Thomas and Mary were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond. He was thirty-six, born in Ireland, could not read or write, and was a laborer. His real estate was valued at \$500, and his personal estate was valued at \$100. Mary was twenty-six, born in Virginia, and she could not read or write. Their children, all born in Virginia, were Ellen (ten), Bettie (seven), John (five), and Margaret (ten months).⁸

¹ Researched by Dwight Radford and Steve Motteshard.

² Based on the 1850, 1860, and 1870 federal censuses, cited below. Burial record for Thomas Landers, died 24 January 1898, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va. This record listed his age as eighty-two.

³ Burial record for Thomas Landers.

⁴ Marriage record of Thomas Landers to Mary Diggs, 5 February 1849, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church Marriage Book (1849).

⁵ 1850 federal census, James Landers household, Virginia, Henrico Co., Richmond City, p. 404, dwelling 36.

⁶ Marriage record of Thomas Landers to Mary Diggs.

⁷ 1850 federal census, James Landers household.

⁸ 1860 federal census, Thos Landers household, Virginia, Henrico Co., Richmond City, Western Subdivision, p. 953, dwelling 572.

From 1868 to 1870, Thomas was taxed for property (Lot #7, 30 foot) located on L Street in District 3 of Richmond. The property was valued at \$400, which included the lot value of \$250.⁹

In 1870, Thomas and Mary were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond. He was fifty-three, born in Ireland, and was a U.S. citizen. He could read and write and was a laborer. His real estate was valued at \$400. Mary was thirty-five, born in Virginia. Their children, all born in Virginia, were Ellen (twenty), Bettie (seventeen), Mary (seven), Johanna (four), and Annie (one).¹⁰

In 1871, Thomas's taxable property (Lot #7, 30 foot), located on L Street, was now within the Clay Ward tax district of Richmond and had a taxable value of \$400, which included the lot valued at \$250.¹¹ From 1872 to 1886, Thomas's taxable property (Lot #7, 30 foot) was within the Jackson Ward tax district of Richmond. In 1876 the taxable value of the property had increased to \$440, which included the decreased lot value of \$200. In 1878 the taxable value of the property had increased to \$540, which included the increased lot value of \$300. In 1885 the taxable value of the property had decreased to \$480, which included the lot valued at \$300.¹²

On 5 August 1886, Thomas Landers sold land to C. Wilks for \$600. The land was in the City of Richmond and was bounded as follows: "Beginning at a point on the north line of Leigh Street, 150 feet west of its intersection with the west line of Harrison Street (formerly known as Fisher Street) and running thence along the north line of Leigh Street in a westwardly direction and fronting thereon thirty feet, thence back in a northerly direction and between parallel lines 175 feet to an alley twenty feet wide, and is the same property which was conveyed to the said Thomas Landers by George B. Landers by his deed bearing date 25 November 1853." Recorded 14 September 1886.¹³ [This George may be a brother, but research was not conducted to verify.]

On 24 January 1898, Thomas died at the age of eighty-two and was buried in Lot 305, Section 7, in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond.¹⁴ He was buried in grave 4 and Mary was buried in grave 3. Thomas bought this plot for \$48.25 and two addresses were given as his residence: 302 Orleans and another address of 312 N. Harrison. Those buried in the same plot included Ellen Tinsley, Bettie F. Gentry and Nelly, Mary A. Landers, Thomas Landers, Bessie H. Leary, Char W. Leary, and William B. Leary.¹⁵ Children, all born in Richmond:

⁹ Property tax for Thomas Landers, 1868-1870, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1868-1870), Richmond, Va., FHL 2026388.

¹⁰ 1870 federal census, Thomas Landers household, Virginia, Henrico Co., Richmond City, Clay Ward, p. 341A, dwelling 277.

¹¹ Property tax for Thomas Landers, 1871, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1871), Richmond, Va., FHL 2026389.

¹² Property tax for Thomas Landers, 1872-1886, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1872-1880), Richmond, Va., FHLs 2026389-2026396.

¹³ Deed of sale from Thomas Landers to C. Wilks, 5 August 1886 (recorded 14 September 1886), Richmond City, Va., Deed Book 131B:51.

¹⁴ Burial record for Thomas Landers.

¹⁵ Burial record for Thomas Landers.

- 1 ELLEN³ T. LANDERS, b. May 1850;¹⁶ m. in Richmond 25 November 1873
CHARLES H. TINSLEY son of Thomas C. and Elizabeth Tinsley.¹⁷
Charles's tombstone is worn and the dates illegible.¹⁸ Ellen was buried in
Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond. Her burial site was grave 1, Lot 305,
Section 7, which was purchased by her father.¹⁹
- 2 BETTIE F. LANDERS, b. about 1853;²⁰ m. RICHARD GENTRY.²¹
Bettie was buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond. Her burial
site is grave 2, Lot 305, Section 7, which was purchased by her father.²²
- 3 JOHN LANDERS, b. 1855.²³
- 4 MARGARET LANDERS, b. October 1859.²⁴
- 5 MARY LANDERS, b. about 1863;²⁵ d. 2 September 1876 in Richmond of chronic
diarrhoea [sic] at the age of fourteen.²⁶
- 6 JOHANNA LANDERS, b. about 1866.²⁷
- 7 ANNIE LANDERS, b. 5 March 1868.²⁸ Annie's birth record listed her as Mary.
- 8 MATTIE L. LANDERS, b. 9 January 1871.²⁹
- 9 MADALINE LANDERS, b. 9 January 1872.³⁰
- 10 LEONORA LANDERS, b. 1 October 1874.³¹ On 10 October 1874, Leonora was
baptized. Her godparents were Michael Hickey and Mary Hickey.³²

JOHN² LANDERS (—¹) was born between 1803–1805³³ in Ireland and died 9 February 1884 in Richmond
of old age at the age of eighty-one.³⁴

¹⁶ Tombstone inscription for Ellen Tinsley, born May 1850, Mount Calvary Cemetery Burial Record for Section
7, Lot 305, Richmond, Va.

¹⁷ Marriage record for Charles H. Tinsley to Ellen Landers, 22 November 1873, Richmond City Marriage
Registers (1853–1935), p. 53, Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2048473.

¹⁸ Tombstone of Charles H. Tinsley, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

¹⁹ Burial record for Ellen T. Tinsley, Mount Calvary Cemetery Burial Records, p. 253, Richmond, Va.

²⁰ Based on the 1860 and 1870 federal census.

²¹ Tombstone inscription for Bettie F. Gentry, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

²² Burial record for Betty F. Gentry.

²³ Based on the 1860 federal census.

²⁴ Based on the 1860 federal census.

²⁵ Based on the 1870 federal census.

²⁶ Death record for Mary Landers, 2 September 1876, Richmond City Death Register (1876), No. 920, Henrico
Co., Va., FHL 2048592.

²⁷ Based on the 1870 federal census.

²⁸ Birth record for Mary Landers, 5 March 1868, Richmond City Register of Births (1853–1896), p. 121, line 19,
Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2026337.

²⁹ Birth record for Mattie L. Landers, 9 January 1871, Richmond City Register of Births (1853–1896), p. 196,
Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2026337.

³⁰ Birth record for Madaline Landers, 9 January 1872, Richmond City Register of Births (1853–1896), p. 237,
Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2026337.

³¹ Birth record for Leonora Landers, 1 October 1874, Richmond City Register of Births (1853–1896), p. 333,
Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2026337.

³² Baptism record for Lenora Landers, baptized 10 October 1874, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church,
Richmond, Va., Baptism Record Book 1:259.

³³ Based on 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 federal censuses.

John married (1) — [The only evidence that there may have been a previous marriage comes from the 1850 federal census of Richmond. This census listed a John Landers, age 16, who was residing with John and Nancy (Haggerty) Landers. John and Nancy weren't married until 1844, so this sixteen-year-old was either from a previous marriage, or he could have been a nephew to John Landers Sr.]

Possible child, born in Virginia:

- i. JOHN³ LANDERS, b. about 1834 in Virginia.

John married (2) in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Richmond, 8 April 1844, NANCY ANNIE HAGERTY, b. about 1810-1820 in Virginia. John and Ellen Mahony were the witnesses.³⁵

On 5 August 1847, John purchased from Robert and Mary S. Pattie a lot in Richmond City for \$150. This lot was located on "the eastern side of 9th Street placed at the corner of Lot #799 and running along 9th Street in a northern direction thirty feet then at right angles and running back in an eastern direction 130 feet, then at right angles and running in a southern direction thirty feet to Lot #798, then at right angles and running along the line separating Lot #798 from #799 in a western direction 130 feet to the beginning."³⁶

In 1850, John [listed as James] and Nancy were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond. He was forty, born in Ireland. His real estate was valued at \$400. No occupation was listed. Nancy was thirty, born in Ireland [*sic*—all other censuses report her birth place as Virginia]. Children, born in Virginia, were John Landers (sixteen), Morris Landers (four), and Mary Landers (two). John's brother and sister-in-law, both born in Ireland, were also enumerated in this household: Thomas Landers (twenty-five) and Mary Landers (eighteen).³⁷

From 1851 to 1856, John was taxed for property (Lot #799, 30 foot) located at Main and 9th in the Edwin Burton Tax District of Richmond. The property was valued at \$550, which included the Lot value of \$250.³⁸

From 1857 to 1860, John's taxable property (Lot #799, 30 foot) located on 9th Street, was now within the 2nd Tax District of Richmond. The property had increased in value to taxable value of \$760, which included the increased Lot value of \$400.³⁹

In 1860, John and Nancy were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond. He was fifty-seven, born in Ireland, and worked as a laborer. Nancy was fifty, born in Virginia. Children, born in Virginia, were Morris Landers (fourteen), Mary Landers (twelve), and Thomas Landers (nine).⁴⁰

From 1861 to 1868, John's taxable property (Lot #799, 30 foot), located on 9th Street was still within the 2nd Tax District of Richmond. The taxable value had also remained constant at a total value of \$760, which included the Lot valued at \$400.⁴¹

³⁴ Death record for John Landers, 9 February 1884, Richmond City Death Register (1884), p. 28, FHL 2048592.

³⁵ Marriage record of John Landers to Nancy Hagerty, 8 April 1844, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church Marriage Book (1843).

³⁶ Deed of sale from Robert and Mary S. Pattie to John Landers, 5 August 1847, Richmond City, Va. Hustings Deeds (1847-1848), Book 53:518, FHL 33576.

³⁷ 1850 federal census, James Landers household.

³⁸ Property tax for John Landers, 1851-1856, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1851-1856), Richmond, Va., FHL 2026385.

³⁹ Property tax for John Landers, 1857-1860, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1857-1860), Richmond, Va., FHL 2026386.

⁴⁰ 1860 federal census, John Landers household, Virginia, Henrico Co., Richmond City, 2nd Ward, p. 417.

In 1870, John and Nancy were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond. He was sixty-five, born in Ireland and was a U.S. citizen. He was a gardener and owned \$700 worth of real estate. Nancy [listed as Anna] was sixty, born in Virginia. Children, all born in Virginia, were Morris Landers (twenty-three), Mary Landers (twenty-one), and Thomas Landers (nineteen).⁴²

From 1871 to 1880, John's taxable property (Lot #799, 30 foot), located on 9th Street was now located in the Madison Ward tax district of Richmond. The property had increased in taxable value to \$1,000, which included the lot valued at \$400.⁴³

On 18 September 1872, John Landers and Nancy his wife of the City of Richmond, mortgaged a lot to Robert G. Scott and E.R. Isbell, also of Richmond. This lot was part of the land that had been conveyed to Robert Pattie and his wife in July 1827. Robert Pattie and his wife conveyed this lot to John Landers on 5 August 1847. This lot was located on "the eastern side of 9th Street placed at the corner of Lot #799 and running along 9th Street in a northern direction thirty feet then at right angles and running back in an eastern direction 130 feet, then at right angles and running in a southern direction thirty feet to Lot #798, then at right angles and running along the line separating Lot #798 from #799 in a western direction 130 feet to the beginning. This lot was mortgaged for \$200. The trustee was Mark Downy." This trust deed was payable twelve months after this date to Mark Downy. Recorded 18 September 1872.⁴⁴

On 4 May 1880, John obtained a deed release for the mortgage to Robert G. Scott and E.R. Isbell, which had been made on 18 September 1872.⁴⁵

Also on 4 May 1880, John sold his house and Lot #799 to Charles F. Ruppert. He disappeared from both the tax and land records at that point, which indicates that he did not own a home from 1880⁴⁶ until his death in 1884.

In 1880, John and Nancy were enumerated in the federal census of Richmond. John was seventy-six, born in Virginia to Ireland-born parents. He was working in a market. Nancy [listed as Annie] was sixty-five, born in Virginia to Virginia-born parents. A "son," William (six), was also enumerated with them.⁴⁷ [William's relationship to John was listed as a six-year-old son; however, he was probably a grandson, perhaps the son of Thomas M. and Helen C. (Roschers) Landers].

Children of John and Nancy (Hagerty) Landers, all born in Richmond, Virginia:

- i. [male]³ LANDERS, b. 22 February 1845; d. 24 February 1845 in Richmond.⁴⁸

⁴¹ Property tax for John Landers, 1861-1868, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1861-1868), Richmond, Va., FHLs 2026387-88. There were no tax records for 1864, and in 1865 John's property was listed in Book 3, rather than in the 2nd Tax District.

⁴² 1870 federal census, John Landers household, Virginia, Henrico Co., Richmond City, Madison Ward, p. 50B.

⁴³ Property tax for John Landers, 1871-1880, Richmond City Land and Property Tax Lists (1871-1880), Richmond, Va., FHLs 2026389-93.

⁴⁴ Deed of sale from John and Nancy Landers to Robert G. Scott and E.R. Isbell, 18 September 1872 (recorded 18 September 1872), Richmond City, Va., Deeds 98a:303-305.

⁴⁵ Deed mortgage release to John Landers from Robert G. Scott and E.R. Isbell, 4 May 1880 (recorded 8 May 1880), Richmond City, Va., Deed Book 116B:432.

⁴⁶ Deed of sale from John Landers to Charles F. Ruppert, 4 May 1880, Richmond City, Henrico Co., Va., Land Deeds 116B:432.

⁴⁷ 1880 federal census, John Landers household, Virginia, Henrico Co., Richmond City, Tuckahoe District, e.d. 69, sheet 5, p. 230A, lines 12-14.

⁴⁸ Burial record for child of John Landers, buried 24 February 1845, Shockoe Cemetery Interment Card 76-40 (1822-1848), Richmond Cemetery Office, Riverview Cemetery, Richmond, Va. See also, FHL 33633.

- ii. MORRIS J. LANDERS, b. about 1846; d. 24 February 1875 in Richmond from “congestion of the brain” at the age of twenty-eight;⁴⁹ m. in St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church in Richmond, 12 July 1870, MARGARET I. RIDLER, b. in Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (—) Ridler.⁵⁰

When Morris married Margaret Ridler, he was a plumber for the City of Richmond. The witnesses were James Ridler and Mary Landers.⁵¹ Mary Landers was most likely Morris’s sister.

Children, all born in Richmond, Virginia:

- 1 EVA M. LANDERS, b. 15 April 1871.⁵²
- 2 WILLIAM MORRIS LANDERS, b. 27 September 1874;⁵³ d. 17 July 1910 in Richmond at the age of thirty-five and was buried in Lot 79, Section 7, in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia;⁵⁴ m. Catherine Murphy.⁵⁵

On 14 October 1874, William was baptized. His sponsors were John Landers and Bridget McCrehin [surname illegible].⁵⁶ [John Landers may have been an uncle or Morris J.’s cousin.]

From 1904 to 1907, William M. Landers, a plumber, resided at 610 E. Cary.⁵⁷

From 1909 to 1910, William M. Landers, a plumber, resided at 618 E. Cary.⁵⁸

Mrs. William Landers, 2025 Gilbert Street, previously of 610 E. Cary, purchased for \$49.50 gravesites in Lot 79, Section 7, of Mount Calvary Cemetery. Those buried include Lea Landers (grave 1), Maurice Landers (grave 2), child Guthrie (grave 3), William Landers (grave 4), John M. Landers (grave 5), Katherine Landers (grave 6), Michael O’Keeffe (grave 7), Thomas C. Wirt (25 September 1993, grave 7), Katherine J. Wirt (grave 8).⁵⁹

⁴⁹ Death record for Morris Landers, 24 February 1875, Richmond City Death Register (1875), #801, FHL 2048792.

⁵⁰ Marriage record of Morris J. Landers to Margaret I. Ridler, 12 July 1870, St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, Va., Marriage 1:58; see also Marriage record for Morris Landers to Margaret Ridler, 12 July 1870, Richmond City Marriage Register (1870), p. 51, Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2048473.

⁵¹ Marriage record of Morris J. Landers to Margaret I. Ridler.

⁵² Birth record for Eva M. Landers, 15 April 1871, Richmond City Birth Register (1871), p. 196, Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2026337.

⁵³ Birth record for Wm. M. Landers, 21 October 1874, Richmond City Birth Register (1874), p. 332, Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2026337; baptism record for Morris Landers, born 27 September 1874, baptized 14 October 1874, St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, Va., Baptism Book 1:258, entry 115.

⁵⁴ Burial record for William Landers, died 17 July 1910, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

⁵⁵ Baptism record for John Morris Landers, born 5 March 1895, baptized 9 March 1895, St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, Va., Baptism Records Book 1:515, entry 32.

⁵⁶ Baptism records for Morris Landers.

⁵⁷ City directory listings for William M. Landers, 1904–1907 *Richmond City Directory*, Hill Directory Company Publisher, FHLs 1605946–47.

⁵⁸ City directory listings for William M. Landers, 1909–1910 *Richmond City Directory*, Hill Directory Company Publisher, FHLs 1605948–49.

⁵⁹ Burial plot purchased by Mrs. William Landers, Mount Calvary Cemetery Burial Records, p. 250.

From 1911 to 1913, Kate Landers, widow of Wm M., resided at 212 S. 5th. John Landers and Miss Mamie Landers were also listed at this address.⁶⁰ In 1914, Kate Landers, widow of William, resided at 216 E. Marshall. John Landers and Miss Mary Landers were also listed at this address.⁶¹ In 1915, Kate Landers, widow of William, resided at 216 E. Marshall. Charles Landers and John Landers were also listed at this address.⁶²

On 6 February 1939, Katherine Landers died at the age of sixty-eight and was buried in Lot 79, Section 7, in Mount Calvary Cemetery.⁶³

Children, all born in Richmond, to William and Catherine: 1. *John Morris Landers*, b. 5 March 1895; bpt. 9 March 1895. His godparents were F.J. Whittsfer and Marie [illegible].⁶⁴ On 4 June 1920, John died at the age of twenty-five and was buried in Lot 79, Section 7, in Mount Calvary Cemetery.⁶⁵ 2. *James Leo Landers*, b. 1 January 1898; bpt. 1 January 1898. His sponsors were James Coughlin and Gertrude Bliley.⁶⁶ On 8 June 1903, James died at the age of five and was buried in Lot 79, Section 7, in Mount Calvary Cemetery.⁶⁷

- iii. **MARY LANDERS**, b. about 1848; m. in Richmond, 14 October 1873, **PATRICK MCCREEHAN**, b. in Ireland, son of Timothy and Catharine McCreehan.⁶⁸

On 12 July 1870, Mary along with a James Ridler, were witnesses to a marriage between her brother, Morris J. Landers, and Margaret I. Ridler.⁶⁹

On 14 January 1873, Mary Landers along with David V. Fitzgerald were witnesses to a marriage between Thomas Landers and Helena Roschers.⁷⁰ [Mary Landers was an cousin to Thomas Landers, who was the son of John Landers.]

- iv. **THOMAS M. LANDERS**, b. 29 November 1851, Richmond; ⁷¹ d. 14 May 1926, Richmond;⁷² m. (1) 14 Jan. 1873, Richmond, **HELEN C. ROSCHERS**, (2) by 1910, ELLEN T. ENRIGHT....

⁶⁰ City directory listings for Kate Landers, widow of Wm M., 1911-1913 *Richmond City Directory*, Hill Directory Company Publisher, FHLs 1605949-51.

⁶¹ City directory listing for Kate Landers, widow of Williams, 1914 *Richmond City Directory*, Hill Directory Company Publisher, FHL 1605952.

⁶² City directory listing for Kate Landers, widow of William, 1915 *Richmond City Directory*, Hill Directory Company Publisher, FHL 1605953.

⁶³ Burial record for Katherine Landers, died 6 February 1939, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va., record B-1, P250.

⁶⁴ Baptism record for John Morris Landers.

⁶⁵ Burial record for John M. Landers, died 4 June 1920, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va., record B-1, P250.

⁶⁶ Baptism record for Jacob Leo Landers, baptized 1 January 1898, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, Va., Baptism Record Book 1:541, entry 35.

⁶⁷ Burial record for Jas Landers, died 8 June 1903, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va.

⁶⁸ Marriage record for Patrick McCreehan to Mary Landers, 14 October 1873, Richmond City Marriage Register (1873), p. 49, Henrico Co., Va., FHL 2048473.

⁶⁹ Marriage record for Morris J. Landers to Margaret I. Ridler.

⁷⁰ Marriage record for Thomas Landers to Helena Roschers, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, Va., Marriage Records Book 1:63.

⁷¹ Death record for Thomas Landers, born 29 November 1851, died 14 May 1926, Death certificate 12159 (1026), Virginia Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, Richmond.

⁷² Burial record for Thomas M. Landers, died 14 May 1926, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond, Va.