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'Disa & Data' Letter, July, 1989

It won't be easy picking the 'high-light' of the month; so we won't try! One has to be the delivery and 'unveiling' of Gleeda's 1989 McConnaughey quilt! It is absolutely gorgeous --- so pretty that if we don't get 'big bucks', I think we'll hold it over for 1990, because it is a jewel! It has a 'pocket' so that it can be used as a wall-hanging, if desired. The bottom has mountains, water, and grass, appliqued on the base with the 'Sea-Birds of Scotland' also cut out and appliqued and identified by name, then there is blue sky and clouds and some birds flying above. It is absolutely, absolutely beautiful! Klista (Stender) says their camper group got \$1,500 to raffle off their quilt. Wouldn't that be a blast? I hope I don't go broke trying to get my chances in! The quilting, too, is lovely. Chances are \$1 per as always and no limit on number and the drawing will be Sat. at this year's Gathering.

We've just about completed arrangements for the Gathering at Sherwood, 6520 South Emerson, Indpls., IN. We have some rooms held at the Signature Inn which is at I-65 (South) & Southport Road, just south of Sherwood. Rooms are \$43 per room per night for one person + tax (which I think is 6%) + \$6 for each additional person. It includes cable T.V. and continental breakfast. Of course, we'll have breakfast for you on Sat. at Sherwood. That would be the most convenient for the site of Saturday's events; but the Holiday Inn South (Thompson & 31); Holiday Inn, Southeast, (on Victory Drive, just off Emerson Ave.); the Red Roof Inn (across from the Holiday Inn SE and others are convenient, as well

Still can use 'volunteers' to set things up Friday and Sat. and take them down, as well, and 'clean up' Friday night.

We have the entertainment planned for Sat. night, but still would like some help on the program for Sat. a.m. and afternoon. I know a lot of you have a lot to say! We like to try to stay on the pertinent subjects like Scotland, Ireland, Scotch-Irish, Immigration, Genealogy, etc. Please share your talents with us, won't you? Remember the great program Randy McConahay put on, dressed in full Scottish fashion, dancing and singing Scottish songs. It was great!

6/15/89 --CAIRN: I have an idea. I was reading about a cairn or two in the most recent Clan Donnachaidh publication (from Scotland). In a celebration in Australia last year people brought stones from all over the world and they marked them in some fashion (I should imagine by chipping the stone to spell out the name of the place of origin) and laid them up in concrete for a permanent memorial. I think that would be a neat thing for someone to work out. Do I hear volunteers?

Louise Covault has volunteered to do the index for Volume 18, which she discovered she didn't have! She does now! Louise, do you have Vol. 19, 1988? If not, let me know --- it was sent in Dec. 1988. We do not, as yet have anyone to index #19.

Another 'high point' was meeting Betty Pattmann Sexson, formerly of Indpls., now Las Vegas, NV. I talked to her mother, Velma McConaha Pattmann, for years on the phone and we never met. I have talked to Betty for years and we finally DID meet! I look forward to seeing Betty and Bob again.

Had a really nice and interesting letter from Brian P. McConaghy of Port Angeles, WA, son of Patrick, who is a son of Doug & Opal McConaghy. Doug & Opal attended the first Gathering in 1976 and were here with son Don in 1978 or 79. Brian seems as interested as Doug was and I hope some of you will be in touch with him. He's ca 19, has finished one year of college, is working to save money to go back for his second year. He has two older brothers and two younger brothers and a younger sister. His address is: Brian P. McConaghy, 309 Viewcrest, Port Angeles, WA 98362. I did send him the addresses of some of his grandfather's cousins.

Mary Jane Latta Fultz called last Saturday (June 10th) from Oklahoma. She was on a lead on McConnaugheys and Rankins. Her line goes back to Robert McConnaughey of Crawford Co., PA who we think (not proven) may be a missing Robert in the Ligonier line --- a son of David McConnaughey and Jane Platt. She had been sent some photocopies from Beers' History of Washington County, PA, 1888 and some pages she could not read. I quickly volunteered to copy those pages for her because I was certain I had a reprint of that history. Well, if I do I can't find it! I did find a copy of Crumrine's History of Washington County, PA, 1882 (reprint) and sent what I had from it, but she needs p. 620, 623, 624, 642, and 645; so if you have a copy or are NEAR a copy, would someone please copy those pages and send to me or to Mary Jane Fultz, R. R. 4, P. O. Box 32, Stillwater, OK 74074. Thanks!.

Remember Dobson's Scot's Colonists, 1612-1783, that I sought, with no luck? Bob & Mary Burt sent me the McConnaugheys from it and thanks a bunch. Shortly after that, I received the book, thanks to my friends at Ye Olds Genealogy Shoppe here in Indpls.; so if any of you want a copy of some particular name or names, let me know and I'll send it. No fee required, but any donation to the Society would be helpful, of course.

I read Nancy Niblack Baxter's two books and loved them. If you love history -- get them. If you are interested in the Ulster Scots, read them. If you have interest in the Carlisle, PA area or anywhere in PA in the 1700's, get them. If you also have interest in Indiana in the territorial days, with a few years in KY, you have to have them. The Movers and Lordxs of the Rivers.

Jim Rumbarger (recent member from the Punxsutawney, PA line) was writing often & I think I scared him off, or something, because I haven't heard from him since I send a notebook, mostly filled with Rev. Ernest MacConnaughey's letters to me. His father, Don Rumnarger of St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada (Jim lives in Toronto) is also a new member. I hope we'll be hearing more from both of them. They both write very well; so how about an article for the next bulletin??

I know I asked for you to watch for that Scots' Colonists, 1612-1783 for me; so if you got one, I'll pay for it and the postage and re-sell it. They are greatly in demand; so there's no problem in selling them.

Poor cousin Quentin Gindale! I made some remark about 'no note' with his dues &, bless him, he wrote a letter to explain it. He had both shoulders operated on last year (the rotator cuffs??) plus his second by-pass heart surgery! I hasten to add, he's doing fine now, but that's more than enough to excuse him from writing! I'm sorry I was so 'gripey!' I really did enjoy your letter, however.

We've another new life member --- Dr. Hal David McConnaughey, formerly of Indiana, now in California, descendant of the Ligonier line from David McConnaughey & Jane Platt. When I first started my McConnaughey search and the Society, Hal & his family lived in Indpls. while h3 was attending Indiana University Medical School. He was from Hartford City, IN, son of Thomas Albert (Al) McConnaughey (architect) & Esther McConnaughey, teacher, nephew of Thelma McConnaughey Connor Cooper.

Bob & Mary Burt went to Warrensburg, Johnson Co., MO recently and did some research and managed to fill in some of the 'cracks' in my personal McConnaughey genealogy. My great great grandfather, Thompson McConnaughay, son of David McConnaughey & Prudence Thompson, was born in PA (probably Washington Co.), lived in Fayette Co., PA until ca 1838-9; went to Highland Co., OH where he stayed until 1849 when he 'went West' to Marion Co., Iowa where he stayed until after the Civil War when they moved to Warrensburg. My great grandfather was born in Highland Co., OH; my grandfather in Warrensburg, then they all came back to Cook Co., Chicago, IL where my father was born and then moved into Indiana, to live happily ever after! Most people went on West, but we moved backwards! I really do appreciate having some additional records for Thompson and Thomas Jefferson, etc. My Strode family (Thomas Jefferson McConnaughay married Rachel Ann Strode, daughter of W. Fountain Strode and Lavinia Dillin) just about evaporated in MO. Lavinia died, Fountain remarried (he had the livery stable in Warrensburg); then he died and T. J. & Rachel took young Joe and Susie V. (known to me as Aunt Vic) to raise. By ca 1900, Joe was gone, too --- only Susie aka as Vickie, survived to adulthood. She married James Agnew and had two daughters, Leda and Marie and they had no children; so that was the end of that line of Strodes. I mention it mostly to show what can and does happen to families.

I did get one or two boxes emptied this week and managed to FIND my two Scottish Cook-books, to bone up for the Gathering if I can talk the chef into doing a few 'twists' for a Scottish buffet. I found the following, which brought a chuckle, since one of my favorite breakfasts is "Muesli". p. 40 of Scottish Cookery by Catherine Brown: "A SWISS/SCOT BREAKFAST, A leading exponent of natural food, Anton Mosimann (Cuisine Naturelle, 1985), the Swiss chef at the Dorchester Hotel in London created this intriguing blend of fresh fruit flavours to a background of oats. As is often the case in the realms of food, similar traditions develop in different countries and the old-fashioned Scots Brose finds its counterpart in modern Swiss Muesli. The recipe can be adapted to make a good ending to a meal by garnishing with cream, strawberries and brambles (blackberries) and decorating with pineapple leaves. Otherwise it makes a good start to the day.

Soak Overnight: 4 oz./120 g rolled oats (1½ c.)  
½ pt./300 g milk (1½ c.)  
Add: 1 grated apple 2 oz./50 g chopped hazelnuts (½ c)  
Juice of 1 orange Juice of 1 lemon  
1 orange, segmented 1 banana, sliced  
2 oz./50 g fresh pineapple, sliced (½ c)  
Sweeten to taste with honey.

For a sweet,  
garnish with: ½ pt/150 ml double cream (¾ cup)  
2 oz./50 g brambles (blackberries) (½ c)  
A few strawberries  
Pineapple leaves."

I really want to try that! They are deeply into bran products, you know and carrot cake is prominent in the cook-books. Raspberries are a favored fruit. One hint I tried and loved, is ginger on cantaloupe! No salt --- no pepper, just ginger and I think it is very good.

The 'featured' item this year is caps. They're a good quality, beige and brown with our globe emblem in brown, raised and on beiged cloth. The back of the cap is woven; so it's cool and the seams are covered with cloth; so they are not 'itchy'. Price is still up in the air, but the caps are not --- they are HERE. Tom McConahay walked off with #1 --- John and Tom Gregory got #2 & #3 and If I didn't charge enough, I'll put it off to 'advertising'. We still have some cups from last year, an excellent buy.

Our pool is finally filled. Painting was greatly assisted by Annie Thomas with Amy Gregory's help and both helping WRG.

Petie Iaria left for Army Basic Training Monday. I have forgotten WHERE he was going, but he will be back in time for school in the fall and will be in the Indiana National Guard. Indiana National Guard should love this family. Three of our four sons were in the guard, one son-in-law, and two grandsons!

Lightning onliterated my almost new Scanner; so I have another new one, but I can't make heads or tails out of the directions; so I get more static than anything!!

So far in my drive to clear out the boxes, I have found only two checks --- one is almost a year old and I think I'll return it and the other is about 6 weeks old; so I just 'ate crow' and kept it! I hope that's ALL I'll find!

Did I tell you about the article in Guideposts about 'Post-its'? A researcher at 3M was trying to think of a way to temporarily mark his hymnbook for the hymns they were going to use in choir. He remembered a glue that would stick lightly, then come off, developed by a colleague; so he tried it. A market sample didn't show any interest. He finally built a machine in his own home and made some and did a larger market sampling, giving away a lot of samples. In no time, the demand amazing and has grown by leaps and bounds. The thing that made me think of it was some small ones, about business card size, which I got today marked "RUSH", "FILE", F.Y.I. (For Your Information or Inspection?): "Please copy" and note # of copies & who to --- I'm writing that out ALL the time); 'While You Were Out' message pad; "Routing Request"; "Signature Request" with options to check; "Fax transmittal" which saves the cost of a whole page cover sheet, since it's only 4" x 1 1/2" and goes on the paper being 'faxes'. Lots of other good new things like a glue that is colored --- you put it on and it gradually fades out to colorless; but you can see where it is to put your items together.

Klista (Stender) sent a better picture of her family tree quilt. She's now on #5 for the 5th grandchild! She made the quilt top that we had two years ago (butterflies) which Gleeda quilted and Win McConeghey won.

Heard from Dr. William McConnell McConahey, MN, recently, as well as Ella McConnahay, widow of my cousin Frank McConnahay. I think it was Ella who told me Rhomda Mills was going to the hospital for surgery, which should be over now, but I haven't heard further.

If things fall into place (and we sure do hope they do) Betty & Al Kienzle plan to join us in August for the Gathering. Although I haven't sent the flyers yet, you have my permission to send you 'intentions' to be here! I get nervous!!

Heard from Bob Schutz of West Virginia and William McConoughey of Virginia, too. Klista, Verna Hoffman, and Irencce McConathy were among those who recently sent quilt money --- and me, I feel like 'stuffing' the box it's so pretty!

The National Archives has a new instruction book out, Aids for Genealogical Research which you order from the National Archives, Trust Fund Board, Washington, DC 20408.

In Betty Kienzle's letter was the following: ".....There is going to be a celebration in the fall of a Scottish settlement near here - their 250th anniversary. The area was settled by Scots in the early 1700's. What I found out was that the celebration is going to be held on the farm that was originally settled by Robert McConaghy (McConchee). The farm and the area of 250 acres has been turned into a county park, and the farmhouse has been renovated so that it is useable and the barn is still standing. I am enclosing a copy of the letter received by our President and the map that was enclosed, with the area of Wallace Township marked and the farm of Robert McConaghy. I was told that I would receive more information about the farm, but to date all I received is a book regarding the Springton Manor which was renamed Wallace Township in 1852. I hope to get out there and get some pictures of the place. If you have heard anything of this it would be nice to know, and when I hear more I will let you know. I told them about our Society, and that you would be interested in giving them a write-up in our newsletter...so I am hoping for some word form them." I think I told Betty to check back in Mrs. Flower's Chester Co., PA research which documents Robert of Springton Manor, his son (apparently only child), James McConaughy, and his wife, who was a\*Graham, and a 'natural' daughter of James. James died before his mother did. His mother left some property to James' 'natural daughter'. According to Mrs. Flower's search, the granddaughter was not found or was already dead and the ground reverted to the State, if my memory serves me correctly. I'll look it up for Betty and any one else who is interested.

\*I still think she was a Graham, but she married an Elliott after her husband died. I'd better check it out before we're ALL confused!!

~~6/16/89~~ So I DID look up Mrs. Flower's Chester Co., PA report and I now suspect it was NOT reprinted in the bulletins. Robert McConaughy (variously spelled) was VERY wealthy. His wife was Jennett and was said to have been a GRAHAM. They had only one son named anywhere, James, who was married to Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_. I think she was a MOORE, but they had no children. In 1777 Robert died intestate. Jennet declined to administer his estate; so son James was administrator. In 1780, James died leaving nice bequests to his friend, John Elliott, his housekeep Hannah Sharp, Two servants James Stuart and Jacob Long, and to Mary Keehan & Fred Fye. To his wife Elizabeth he left 1000 pounds (he left 1500 to the housekeeper!) and the use of part of his plantation for her life-time, the balance went to his mother to dispose of as she saw fit. After James' death, but still in 1780, Jennet died leaving a sizeable inheritance in land and money to James Illegitimate daughter, Rachel McConaughy. It appeared Rachel was an indentured servant as two guardians sought to obtain her release, she being under age 14. Jennet's neice, Mary Darlington, was to watch over Rachel. Jennet left other bequests to numerous neices and nephews. In 1931 the title was finally 'unclouded' as it had been 'over 21 years' and no heirs had come forward for the ground in the McConaghy plantation. Could that be when it became a 'township park' that Betty Kienzle mentioned. James' widow, Elizabeth, married James Elliott and they sold their legacy to James MOORE, which is why I suspect her maiden name could have been MOORE. On the early township map which Betty sent, the Elliotts are thick and John has ground abutting Robert's. Jennet's administrators were James MOORE & Daniel GRIFFITH. James' administrators were Daniel GRIFFITH & Michael GRAHAM. I seem to recall an early GRIFFITH/McCONUGHEY marriage --- I'll have to try to find that. Maybe we should include Mrs. Flower's CHESTER County, PA report in this year's Bulletin?

I wonder if Jane L. S. DAVIDSON, Officer of Historic Preservation Office in the Chester County Redevelopment Authority knows that there were very early DAVIDSON/McCONNAUGHEY Marriages in the Ligonier line? One of our members, Linus DAVIDSON, is in that line. More to follow.-----

6/19/89 --- There was a inquiry from a Mrs. Leola Taylor, 960 Peace Lane, Sp. #57, Prescott, AZ 86301 about her Sarah Paralie FERREN, dau. of JOHN FERREN. Sarah married Wallace Staggs, b. ca 1844 Jennings Co., IN. Sarah b. ca 1849 in OH. I thought just knowing about Highland Co., OH might help Leola. She wrote because of a query I had 2-3 years ago about the Ferren-Garren-McConnaughey connection, but she didn't KNOW she had any McConnaughey relatives. She will now! I found Sarah FERREN b. 1849 in Highland Co., OH, dau. of John FERREN, b. 1820, died 1878 in Illinois. She thought John died ca 1883, but it wasn't a 'sure' date. I lost no time writing back and hope she is as excited as I was! I love it when that happens!!

Betty Matthres has been to Pennsylvania for her annual visit, which included a visit to Washington, PA and Margaret McConnaughey, who is fine. Betty will be here in August. She hasn't missed one yet. I think she, Tom & Gleeda (and some of the Gregorys) are the only ones who can claim 100% attendance. Clyde missed the 1st one only.

Heard from Pres. David McConnaughey and Betty and they may be coming over for a 'pre'-Gathering skull session in July, which Greg & I are looking forward to. As one of his 'projects' as President, Dave has launched his own membership drive by giving a year's membership to each of the nephews and neices! I think that's a commendable idea. I've done it for my 'brood' for some time, but this takes it on one more step and is worthy of imitation, in my humble opinion!

Have membership renewal from Linus Davidson, too. Looks like a red-letter day for ~~the Ligonier line --- Linus, Betty, Margaret, and David~~ all showed up in the mail at the same time!!

Betty and David are planning a trip to England in September.

In Betty Matthew's letter: "...This genealogical world is so small. A friend in our DAF has a Roundtree line which I found out in trivial conversation. I gave her Jim Moore's address and they have been exchanging information. The brother and sister in Louisville who are Roundtrees and writing a book on the family...are very lax about writing and sharing information. Joan has copies of all their material and more so she and jim should be very helpful to each other." Apparently, the book as been 'in process' a long, long time. Reminds me of two cases like that --- almost 30 years ago I corresponded with two women in California who were preparing to write a genealogy of the Sappington family, who all descend from one Nathaniel Sappington. They were very nice, very helpful, and I willingly gave them all I could; but over the years lost touch. A few years ago Mary Sappington Good 'found' them again, and the book is still in process! Also that long ago (1960-61) I corresponded with an attorney in Washington, D. C., Brice Clagett. He sent tons of paper-work to be completed for the book on the Clagetts that he was then preparing. I, and many like me, spent hours filling in the forms. Recently my Sappington/Foster cousin, Frances Opp Martin, was in Washington and called Brice, who informed her he was still working on the book! In my immediate family alone there have been seven marriages, two divorces, and seventeen births since then! Boy, I'm sure glad Thelma took the bull by the horns and did the William McConnaughey/Ellen Berry genealogy or people would be talking about me like I'm talking about them!!

Yesterday was pretty exciting --- twelve grandchildren, six children, and four in-laws. The day was lovely; so they had a lot of 'pool-time' and yard running around, etc. The size of that Gathering was nothing compared to the one at John's the night before. Elaine's nine brothers and sisters, their children, and her parents were all together for the first time in 7-8 years! At least double what we had<sup>o</sup>

Betty Sexson sent a copy of a picture they took of me when she and Bob visited this month. I like it --- I had a 'brighter' expression than usual --- I told Kate "It wouldn't scare little kids; so I guess it's good!!"

Although the pool is 'open', I haven't braved the cold water yet. We got a solar blanket, now being installed. When the kids stop turning blue, I'll go in!

Our friends, Kay & Jack Foster, were here from Panama City Beach, FL last week so we picked up where we left off the first of March. We've lose many of our close friends to Florida -- guess that's why we finally went there ourselves this year. Greg's making noises about Texas. I'm not sure I'm ready for that. I didn't enjoy my first visit there -- in 1932! There was an earthquake, a dust storm, thunderstorms, and I hated the high bridges! The only great thing about the trip was that my grandfather, Roy McConnaughay, caught two horned toads for me and a turtle. My father rebelled at the land-turtle (which didn't smell too good in the car); but I had the horned toads for years --- they're probably still alive somewhere in Otterbein!

We celebrated four birthdays in May (Big John, Little Tom, Amy Gregory, and Alan Thomas). Esther's was the same day as John's, but she wasn't here. We did that on Mother's Day. This month (June) we had four again -- Annie Thomas, Martha Gregory Piercefield, Little John Gregory, and Kate Gregory Thomas. --- and had the big event on Father's Day. July has only two (big Warren and his daughter, Paula) and Elaine Gregory in August; so we'll have to work on that one.

Heard from Louis Carsner, too. I try to get everyone in the act, but sometimes I miss. I'm sorry if you were the one I missed!!

6/20/89 -- Just tried to find a place named as Bonpas, IL given on p. 4-1 of Thelma's genealogy as the place where John Ferren (1820-1878) died. Leola Taylor had said Olney, IL. Olney is down in the south-east part as I recall it. Bonpas sounds like a place that may no longer BE. Several of you are either FROM southeast Illinois or well-acquainted with it; so please tell me the answer? Thanks!!

Had a nice letter from Jim Rumbarger today. He's enjoying Rev. Ernest's letters, as I always did! He wrote very well and told a lot about the times and people. Jim was commenting on how much Buffalo (NY) had changed. We lived there five years (1948-1953) before coming back to Indiana. We lived in Allenhurst Gardens in Tonawanda first --- an apartment complex for a year; then Greg built a house at 58 Stevenson Boulevard, Eggertsville, NY, between Bailey Ave. and Millersport Highway, just up from the (then) campus of the University of Buffalo, where he went to graduate school and coached and taught for three years. One of our off-spring went to Buffalo some years back and took a picture of our house. It hadn't changed much, but the trees Greg planted had!

I just received some literature from Signature Inn and was surprised to learn it's a home-town product, started in Indianapolis in 1981. There are about 5 of them here and they've spread all over Indiana AND the middle-west. I think you'll like it if you decide to try it. It's \$43 (as I told you) for the first person + 10% (I think I had that wrong) + \$6 for each additional person up to four in a room. That comes out to ca \$27 a piece for 2 or ca \$17 a piece for four, which sounds pretty good to me!

So sorry, but this did turn into another 'dis-jointed' epistle! Maybe I'll get it all together again one of these days --- I hope so.

It's \$35 per person for the Gathering this year, which you can pay on Saturday; however, if you ARE coming, please let me know as soon as you can so that we can plan for space, food, etc. On the other hand, if you can't know 'for sure' until late, come anyway! We'll be happy to make the arrangements for you and if you feel you prefer a private home, we should be able to take care of that, too So, pack up your bags and you all come!!!

Affectionately,

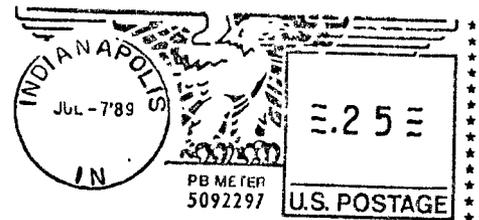
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