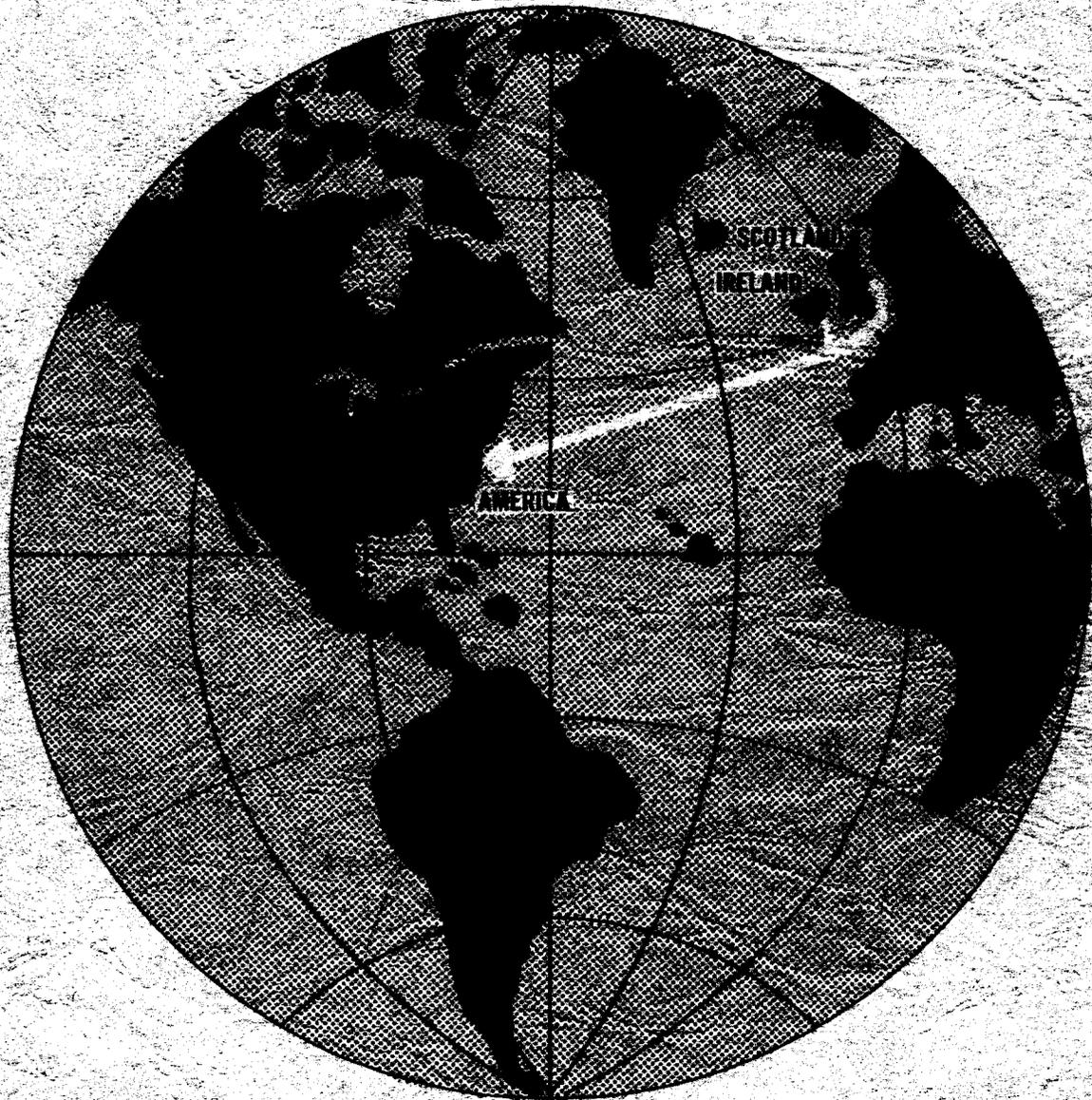


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## INTRODUCTION

Something akin to a sigh of relief accompanies this first page of the first issue of this Bulletin. A mild attempt to contact various members was made in September of 1961 followed by a more persistent effort in May of 1962. The original "goal" was thirty (30) members who were to serve as the nucleus of a larger group which arrived simultaneously with the first thirty members and we are (at this writing) more than one hundred in number.

The rapid growth of this interest has necessitated a change in tactics and approach and this Bulletin is one consequence of a revised program.

Contributions of names and historic material have been most generous. The accumulation of this data has been very helpful to our group and the information is available to any who may be interested. We have found adventure and great pleasure in discovering a "cousin", though many times removed -- who shares a family interest.

Just a reminder -- not too much attention should be given to the spelling of the name in seeking your connection. We are mystified as to the manner in which we became McConnaughay instead of McConnaughey. We know great great grandfather Thompson McConnaughay was born with an "e" and his brothers and their descendants carry that spelling to the present generation, but all of the known descendants of Thompson use an "a". A small thing, but some have denied any connection on this basis.

Finally: We are interested in the history of the Clan name, and especially those in America bearing the Gaelic variants, but, in the search for knowledge of the past, we intend to include those now living and contributing to the growth of our country. We hope to feature future articles regarding current members also. Needless to say the future will take care of itself as we encourage our children and grandchildren to share our interest.

Thank you all for your interest, encouragement, and support.

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## KEY-NOTE

With national maturity in the United States and Canada many descendants of pioneer builders have developed keen interest in ancestry and origins as well as in comprehensive records for the present-day individual family. Most Public Libraries now maintain Genealogical Departments and agencies in that field increase in number and research skill on both sides of the Atlantic.

The descendants from ancient Clan Donnachaidh are now quite numerous and many variants derived from the difficult Gaelic root become a fascinating study while the common origin is clear.

The organization of The McConnaughey Society of America, therefore, under a non-profit charter to be granted by the State of Indiana, U.S.A., has been a logical response on the part of many of the name having interest and pride in past generations who braved the unknown in a New World; how they labored, lived and died.

The basic sense of Clan fraternity, however remote, has a continuing value; the rivalry of constructive accomplishment within the group is an inspiration to be cherished; and it is indeed a worthy ambition to search out the family past and write it down for those who shall come after us; to link Old World documentation with New World history. Last but not least -- to strengthen the ties of blood and kinship that bind the English speaking peoples in a common code of morality, religion and individual freedoms so vitally necessary today in a confused and threatened world!

We welcome all of those who derive a name identification from the Gaelic Donnachaidh (signifying "a hill as a shield or protection") to membership in the McConnaughey Society of America; and to active participations that will make our goals come true.

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Preliminary Organization  
of the  
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## Clan Donnachaidh and Clan Donnachaidh Society

(Motto: Virtutis Gloria Merces--Glory is the Reward of Valour)

The Gaelic word Donnachaidh, sounded Konkay or Concaay, is the equivalent of the Saxon Duncan. From the Gaelic many variants have derived including the broadly basic Donaughy and Conaughy, Donachie (or Donachy), Conachie (or Conachy); to which the prefix Mac (Mc), "son of" as previously indicated, was added in most instances. From these basic forms a long list of variants has developed over the period when names more often than not were loosely phonetic. Eventually fixed spellings were adopted which the older members of former generations insisted was the "correct" rendering in each case!

Most fortunately an extensive history of Clan Donnachaidh is preserved including an excellent condensation, "A Short History of Clan Donnachaidh" by Major J. Robertson Reid, first published in 1933 by Eneas Mackay of the Observer Press, Stirling, Scotland; and "Chiefs of Clan Donnachaidh 1275-1749 and the Highlanders at Bannockburn" by James Robertson published by Wood & Son, 5 Mill Street, Perth, Scotland, 1929.

Your Editors contemplate that future issues of the Annual Bulletin will carry additional historic material relating not only to ancient Clan Donnachaidh but to subsequent groups whose name forms derive therefrom; dating from the earliest recorded period (1275 A.D. -- birth of Donnachaidh Remhair (Duncan the Stout, first chief of Clan Donnachaidh) -- to 1745 when the Clan System, with distinguishing dress and feudal customs, were abolished after the English military had defeated the Scots at Culloden.)

Some charter members of our group also hold membership in the Clan Donnachaidh Society, Edinburg, and we hope to develop an affiliated relationship of special interest and value to name groups in the United States and Canada.

To those called Robertsons (sons of Robert) who have been chiefs of Clan Donnachaidh since Bruce and Bannockburn, all descendants of that ilk owe special gratitude for the preservation of the record of one of the oldest Clans in Scottish history.

The organization of The Clan Donnachaidh Society on May 8, 1948, with headquarters in Edinburg and the issue of an Annual Bulletin since 1951, have contributed to a data assembly of great value to all concerned and we urge supporting membership in the Clan Donnachaidh Society to continue the important work they are doing. We note particularly present and future Society interest as evidenced by educational scholarships, grants, and emphasis on mutual assistance among

Society members all over the world; in addition to the primary function of collecting and preserving records and Clan history.

The projected organization of the McConnaughey Society of America is in no sense competitive but supplementary to The Clan Donnachaidh Society record and research; and designed to explore more specifically the surname forms derived from the Original Gaelic root! In contrast to the Robertsons (whose name form has no relation to the Gaelic) and even the Duncans (simplified Anglo-Saxon equivalent of the Gaelic) and both with few variants, the Donnachaidh derivations are very numerous, following sound effects in much latitude and ultimately a letter assembly deemed to be the "correct" spelling or at least preferred by the individual family. In a spirit of most friendly challenge, therefore, we assert that those who bear surnames in many variants but all clearly rooted in the basic Gaelic form, have more nearly preserved the nomenclature and not less the traditions of ancient Clan Donnachaidh.

The McConnaughey Society of America will cooperate wholeheartedly to promote those high standards of character and accomplishment inspired by the Clan Donnachaidh Society, Edinburgh, while at the same time enlarging the scope and participation of that substantial segment of descendants holding to name forms derived directly from Donnachaidh but presently represented only by a small minority membership in The Clan Donnachaidh Society. The McConnaugheys, McConaghys, McConochies, McConkeys, and related derivations, include many prominent in educational, religious, scientific, literary and political life in the United States and Canada since before 1776. A primary ambition of the McConnaughey Society is to search out, assemble and preserve the ancestral records of these variant groups tracing back through colonist beginnings here to older origins chiefly in Scotland and Ireland. A broader objective is to reaffirm and strengthen the principals of political, religious and economic freedom that are the present goals of all English speaking peoples.

Clan Donnachaidh Society headquarters are at 13 York Place, Edinburgh, Scotland, and as of 1962 the Head of the Society is J.R. Robertson, T.D., L.L.B., W.S., Secretary and Treasurer. Membership is around 900, predominantly Robertsons with a substantial assist from many Duncans and a liberal sprinkling of other names from all over the world including the Honorary President, Hon. Wishart McLea Robertson, P.C., Canada, and one of the thirteen Honorary Vice Presidents, Professor Arthur Francis McConochie, (University of Virginia), Charlottesville, Va., U.S.A.

If in the course of time The McConnaughey Society in Canada and The United States should merit a status or rating equivalent to a Branch of The Clan Donnachaidh Society, Edinburgh, that would indeed seem a worthy ambition.

The Editors

## VARIANT NAME GROUPS

At the beginning of the present enterprise, research centered, first, on two Groups identified by letter symbols for convenient reference:

- A -- Descendants from William McConnaughey (1) and wife, Ellen Berry; and
- B -- Descendants from Samuel McConaughy (1) and wife, Margaret Thompson.

Subsequently interest has broadened to include other variant Groups tracing from colonist ancestors. To many there is fascination in cross-word puzzles; even more curiosity develops regarding remote origins (and possible relationships) of variant names derived from Donnachaidh. This search has discovered much of interest and value and is being continued as horizons expand. We suggest that an important function of this Annual Bulletin is the assembly and preservation of discovered information particularly as relating to the earlier generations; and though difficult and oft-times frustrating, there is endless appeal in attempting to trace family lines on this side of the Atlantic and in the "old countries" chiefly Scotland and Ireland!

Obviously the study of individual families cannot be isolated from the history of the various countries of origin and particularly from those internal conflicts and political and economic forces that resulted in major migrations. Since The McConnaughey Society of America is concerned chiefly with name variants from Donnachaidh we focus, first, on Scotland and her succession of rulers and wars; next on Ireland from the "Planting" of Ulster beginning in 1612 (?) under James I of England who was also James VI of Scotland, thereby, for the first time, uniting the two countries under a single governmental authority; and finally the migration from Ireland to America.

(Following the confiscation of Catholic lands and jurisdiction in Northern Ireland and replacement under James I with selected English and Lowland Scotch settlers, predominately Protestant, known in history as the Planting, subsequent migrations developed because of persecutions, confiscatory rents and other pressures, from Scotland to Ireland (Ulster); and from Ireland (Ulster) to America (United States and Canada).

Coming closer to our immediate area of research, and by way of illustration, we quote the following excerpts from "The Scotch-Irish in America." Vols. I and II, by Charles A. Hanna, recognized authority in this field:

"During the first half of the 18th century (1700-1750) Down, Antrim, Tyrone, Armagh and Derry were emptied of Protestant inhabitants who were of more value to Ireland than California gold mines. The famine of 1740-1741 gave an immense impetus to the movement and it is said that for several years the Protestant emigrants from Ulster annually amounted to about 12,000. More than thirty years later, Arthur Young found the stream still flowing and he mentions that in 1773, four thousand emigrants had sailed from Belfast alone!:

"When in 1772 the Lord Donegal leases fell due and he demanded £ 100,000 in fines for renewals from tenants -- all Protestants -- the English House of Commons backed the landlords. Religious bigotry, commercial jealousy, and modern landlordism had combined to do their worst against the Ulster Settlement. The emigration (to America) was not the whole of the mischief. Those who went carried their art and their tools with them, and at the rate at which the stream was flowing the (British) Colonies would soon have no need of British and Irish imports. In the two years following the Antrim evictions, 30,000 Protestants left Ulster for a land where there was no legal robbery and where those who sowed the seed could reap the harvest. They went with bitterness in their hearts, cursing and detesting the aristocratic system of which the ennobling qualities were lost and only the worst retained."

Two principal streams of migration developed in this country from the Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania area; one southward through the Valley of Virginia into Georgia and the Carolinas; the other westward through the Province of Pennsylvania, over the rugged mountains of the Alleghenies to the Ohio River Valley and the Northwest Territory beyond. With these tides went the teachers and the preachers -- active, energetic and aggressive -- and always at the very forefront of that thin line of log cabins marking the advance guard of a conquering white civilization. Scotch-Irish name forms of people and places, marked the westward course of this empire and theological concepts based on John Calvin's teachings strongly shaped religious thinking as well as social and political action with tremendous emphasis on individual freedom and responsibility.

The First Federal Census was taken in 1790, and shows a total of 18 "Heads of Families" in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania having our surname; in 10 variants, distributed by Counties thus:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Page</u>	<u>County</u>
McConahy,	David	66	Chester
McConahy,	John	74	Chester
McConaughy,	David	284	York
McConaughy,	Robert	284	York
McConaughy,	David	105	Fayette
McConaughy,	James	73	Chester
McConaughy,	John	105	Fayette
McConaughy,	Samuel	284	York
McConaughy,	William	79	Cumberland
McConche,	David	113	Franklin
McConchey,	Robert	260	Westmoreland
McConche,	James	113	Franklin
McConche,	Alexander	114	Franklin
McConehew,	Daniel	123	Huntingdon
McConnehew,	Thomas	17	Allegheny
McConnehey,	John	246	Washington
McConnehoe,	Thomas	16	Allegheny
McConohey,	John	17	Cumberland

Our research in this country to date has been limited in scope altho involving much correspondence and considerable travel.

We would make clear that in no case is the data "complete" for any Group but rather in process of build-up. For some Groups information as yet is quite fragmentary. The comment following each Group is a condensation of a few "high lights" of the more detailed information in our files.

Our plan of organization contemplates that each Group will designate a representative "Eager Beaver" committee of those best informed as to that particular Group and most active and interested in a central File (Archive) of information thereon for the benefit of future generations.

Rivalry between Groups in perfecting and preserving the history of individuals and families might well become one of the most fascinating of "outdoor sports" and ultimately result in Archive accumulations of great value not only to name descendants, but as a segment and symbol of national development.

Obviously these separate groups will grow in number; therefore the use of letter symbols for identification. Groups definitely identified so far we list on the following pages.

Patricia Ann McConnaughay Gregory  
Editor-in-chief

Washington County, Pa. Group  
Whose Ancestors were William McConnaughey (1) and Ellen Berry,  
"from the Highlands of Scotland"  
(Symbol A)

William McConnaughey (1), born "in the Highlands of Scotland" about 1740, became a ship owner with two or more brothers. They were traders and among other commodities imported flax to Scotland. The tradition is that the ship was lost at sea with one of the brothers. Thereafter the surviving brother, William McConnaughey (1) came to America permanently and we approximate his arrival as in the period 1760-1765. About 1770 he married Ellen Berry (Berrie) also Scotch-born who, according to legend, had left home and migrated to America on her own and independent of her family. They settled ultimately in Washington County, Pa., where they had seven sons (no daughters mentioned); and there they lived and died. Lines of descent from six of these brothers remain to be identified but the seventh is as follows:

William McConnaughey (1) -----(1740-\_\_\_\_)  
and Ellen Berry (Berrie) -----(\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_)

David McConnaughey (2) -----(1776-1859)  
and Prudence Thompson -----(1783-1846)

Thompson McConnaughey (3)\* -----(1808-1887)  
and \_\_\_\_\_(1st Wife)(\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_)

Thomas Jefferson McConnaughay (4) -----(1844-1919)  
and Rachel Ann Strode -----(1852-1911)

Arthur Roy McConnaughay (5) -----(1879-1933)  
and Susan Cora Money -----(1883-1924)

Kenneth Earl McConnaughay (6) -----(1899-\_\_\_\_)  
and Wilma Kathryn Dougherty --(1898-1931)

Patricia Ann McConnaughay (7) -----(1925-\_\_\_\_)  
and Warren Russell Gregory ---(1922-\_\_\_\_)

\*Spelling with "hay" is used by ALL  
descendants of Thompson McConnaughay.

Little or no scientific research in Washington County, Pa. has yet been made; but should disclose much of interest to this Group.

Washington County, Pa. Group  
 Whose Ancestors Were Samuel McConaughy (1) and Margaret Thompson  
 from County Donegal, Ireland  
 (Symbol B)

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The pioneer family of this Group comprised Samuel McConaughy (1) b. 1732 and his wife, Margaret Thompson, who came to America in 1774 from County Donegal, Ireland, with four children, James, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Martha; the fifth and last child, Hugh McConahey (2) was born in 1775, the only member of the colonist family "native" to the country. With the Scotch-Irish tide of migration flowing in 1774, the family landed at one of the Delaware Bay Ports (Philadelphia, Pa., New Castle, Delaware, or perhaps Lewes, Delaware) and moved westward through Cumberland County, Pa., Franklin County, Pa., and ultimately to Washington County, Pa. in 1781, where they afterwards lived and died, with burial in the well-kept Cemetery of the Presbyterian Congregation at Little Buffalo Village on Route 31. Many lines of descent from this pioneer family can be traced of which the following is an illustration:

- Samuel McConaughy (1) -----(1732-1799)
- and Margaret Thompson -----(1732-1797)
  
- Hugh McConahey (2) -----(1775-1817)
- and Margaret McCune -----(1779-1842)
  
- Samuel McConahey (3) -----(1803-1883)
- and Jane Janel Mitchell -----(1806-1866)
  
- Thomas Mitchell McConahey (4) -----(1844-1913)
- and Nancy Jane McCune -----(1855-1953)
  
- Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5) -----(1876-     )
- and Rachel Owen Milner -----(1877-1952)
  
- Hugh Milner McConahey (6) -----(1910-     )
- and Alexandra Stewart -----(1915-     )

This Group presently lists about 16 Charter Members of The McConaughy Society of America.

Son James McConaughy (2) and his descendants of the original family in America continued the spelling as indicated; but sons Samuel McConahey (2) and Hugh McConahey (2) adopted the simplified form.

Ligonier Valley, Pennsylvania Group  
Whose Ancestors were David McConnaughey (1) and Jane Platt  
(Symbol C)

David McConnaughay (1) with two brothers, one sister, and a son, James McConnaughey (2) came to this country "from Northern Ireland" (Ulster) about the middle of the 1700's. We hope to prove that the "two brothers" were William McConnaughey (1) of Group A, and Samuel McConaughy (1) of Group B.

Gettysburg, Pa. Group  
Whose Ancestors were Robert McConaughy (1) and Elizabeth Dinsmore  
(Symbol D)

This Robert McConaughy (1) and wife, Elizabeth Dinsmore, came to America from Ireland (Ulster) in 1734, and settled in York County, Pa. The Line is quite well documented and is said to be related to Group B. The Gettysburg Group has furnished many doctors, lawyers, ministers, educators and political representatives including a Governor of Connecticut. Much of interest on the Gettysburg Group is available and will be passed on to our membership later.

Nebraska Group  
Whose Ancestors were Robert McConaughy (1) and Margaret Story  
(Symbol E)

Robert McConaughy (1) of this Group and his wife, Margaret Story, may well be found eventually to belong to one or the other of Groups here listed. Robert McConaughy (1) was born in 1767, and came to America after the Revolution but before 1797. The legendary story of this family compares with similar versions in other lines, which may assist us eventually in a "tying" together. This Group E family originated in Scotland where they fought with Robert Bruce at the Battle of Bannockburn. Six brothers, each more than six feet tall, marched three on the right hand and three on the left hand of the Bruce; and after the battle four lay dead on the field. Other versions say they were all red-headed! We have identified this Line as the Nebraska Group for there is where we found them; and they have been early settlers of that State; curiously enough, however, presently using the spelling of McConnaha.

Centerville, Indiana Group  
Whose Ancestors were Samuel McConaha (1) and Nancy Bathon  
(Symbol F)

This Samuel McConaha (1) was born in 1776 in Virginia and died in Indiana being one of the early settlers. Centerville is on State Route 40 near Richmond, Ind. We might well call this Group the Senator Line as it has provided Wayne County with Senator Walter McConaha in the 1920's; Senator Clem McConaha in the 1940's; and the present Senator is the Honorable Joel Rhodes, husband of Carol McConaha!

Massachusetts Group  
Whose Ancestors were David McConoughey (1) Senior, and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Symbol G)

This David McConoughey, Senior, (1) was born in Ireland in 1723, but of Scotch descent, and came to Massachusetts before 1752. His son, David McConoughey, Junior, was the first white settler in Bainbridge, Ohio, around 1811; another pioneer. This Line has been documented and published as the "Cannon-Carnahan-McConoughey Genealogy", by A. B. Cannon. Sooner or later we should have a copy of this Genealogy for our Central Archive.

Delaware Group  
Whose Ancestors were \_\_\_\_\_ McConaughy and Ann Springer  
(Symbol H)

This \_\_\_\_\_ McConaughy and Ann Springer were the parents of Jacob McConaughy, born in Delaware in 1766. Present information suggests that this Line is well documented and we anticipate adding same to our Archives shortly. Some clues point to affiliation with the Gettysburg Group. Most interesting we find in this group descendants with the unusual variant spelling McConathy! More later.

Kentucky Group  
Whose Ancestors were David M'Connaughay and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Symbol I)

This David M'Connaughay (so spelled in his Journal) was born in 1808 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He was a son of David McConnaughay or M'Connaughay who was born in Pennsylvania but lived in Kentucky; then returning to Pennsylvania where he died. Some of this line were among early Indiana settlers also. Descendants use the spelling of McConahay.

Punxsutawney, Pa. Group  
Whose Ancestors were Eli McConnaughey and \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents of George Washington McConnaughey who  
Married Margaret Shields.  
(Symbol J)

Eli McConnaughey is said to have been born in Londonderry, Ireland (Ulster); his wife presently unknown to us. They were the parents of George Washington McConnaughey (who married Margaret Shields) and Thompson McConnaughey (who married \_\_\_\_\_). George Washington McConnaughey was born in 1826 near Marchand, Pa., and is rated the "patriarch" of a large number of the name near Punxsutawney, Pa., as well as others of the name who came into Washington County, Pa., including Eldon Ardell McConnaughey and Archie Ardell McConnaughey. We think it will be possible to develop much information on this Group. Some clues suggest that Eli McConnaughey may have been one of the seven sons of William McConnaughey (1) and Ellen Berry. We must mention also that one of George Washington McConnaughey's sons was Thaddeus Stevens McConnaughey. Eli doubtless had other children and we also know that his son Thompson McConnaughey had twelve children or more! (Note -- this is an entirely different, though contemporary, Thompson from the one under Group A.)

Unclassified Members  
(Symbol Z)

AS YET unclassified members and we DO NOT want them to stay that way! The more charts, data, traditional stories, locations, etc. that come our way the more we will be able to assist in bringing the lines together. This has to be a preliminary stage to publication as you can easily see.

There are some other "bits and stems" and "broken branches" sometimes just a leaf or two -- man and wife or a reference to one in some court house or published work. It's a great grand jig-saw puzzle and the pieces gradually fall into place.

There are some other "1700" lines which are as yet too fragmentary to have meaning. Then, from the present back, we have many who have only their parents and grandparents, leaving a gap of 50 to 100 years or more to their origin in this country.

Editor-in-chief with "pruning"  
by S.C. McConahey

Identification of Officers, Editors and Sponsors  
(pro tem)

Sponsors:

Obviously, this enterprise, that has grown upon us almost unaware, has involved expense for postage, printing, correspondence, research, limited travel, duplication of public documents, and much miscellany. We have been fortunate to date in a voluntary and unsolicited sponsorship that has greatly relieved and encouraged our Editorial Staff. No compensations or other financial benefits accrue to any individual in this non-profit fraternal effort. The Sponsors will have their reward in full if through the combined efforts of all concerned an Organization results that will justify the confidence, goodwill, and future support of our Charter membership and those who come after. Presently included among our Sponsors, whose contributions have been most meaningful, are Robert Hugh McConachie, Cecil McConahay, Samuel Chalmers McConahey, Clark McConaha, Don H. McConnaughay, Kenneth Earl McConnaughay, and Archie Ardell McConaughay, III. Other names will be added from time to time.

Editors and Consultants:

Patricia Ann McConnaughay -- Gregory must admit to 38 years, seven children from age 2 to 13; a graduation from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., majoring in Pharmacy; currently assisting Builder husband in a Real Estate and Insurance business; pursuing genealogy in "spare or stolen" moments and collecting McConnaughey's instead of stamps. Herself an only child, she is determined that her seven "gremlins" shall be better informed on their ancestral origins than their mother was prior to 1961! From this strictly personal purpose, ambition has soared to a fascinated study of other variants of the name.

Stuart Alyn McConnaha is the son of Willis Earl McConnaha and Gladys Stuart, Lizton, Ind., a graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., and presently Assistant Editor, the "Hoosier Farmer", official publication of the Indiana Farm Bureau. Al is a competent younger member of one of our Z Groups who have been in Indiana at least 100 years; is married and they have one small daughter.

J. Richard McConnaughey, of Group A, is Editorial Consultant, and now in charge of publications, Wabash Life Insurance Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; a graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Dick is descended from William McConnaughey (1) and Ellen Berry, has a lovely wife, Lee, son J. Scott McConnaughey; and has contributed much as a "sounding board" in the launching of the Society and the Bulletin.

Samuel Chalmers McConahey ("Uncle Mac" to the Editorial Staff) was age 86 on April 13, 1962, is in good health and vastly interested in the world around him, past, present, and future. He was formerly Vice President and Treasurer, The Westinghouse Air Brake Co., Wilmerding, Penna., retiring in 1946 after nearly 47 years of active service. He was born on The Oaks Farm, Pease Township, Belmont County, Ohio, the first of six children and during teenage became curious and interested in his Scotch-Irish ancestry. He has made numerous suggestions as to the objectives and organization of The McConaughy Society of America and the character and content of our Annual Bulletin. This brief account does not properly nor fully disclose the assistance Uncle Mac has given in every way. He is the leader of this group in spite of his steadfast refusal to be known as President -- even in an Honorary capacity.

THANK YOU!

We are truly grateful to our Charter Members and all others who have answered correspondence, expressed interest, supplied statistical data, charts, photographs and biographical material; cooperating in so many ways to guide and encourage our efforts towards the fraternal association and objectives envisaged.

The Editors and Sponsors

## Letters

In conducting ancestral research and data assembly such as we have undertaken for family name variants derived from the Gaelic Donnachaidh, inquiry and reply by Letter becomes the most economical and efficient tool available to the amateur in this field.

Letters are fragmentary to be sure but bit by bit add to the total. A leaf here, a bud there, a twig, a branch, even a piece of root; and suddenly we have a Family Tree!

We illustrate by quoting a few random letters received that have led to the expansion of total information for our file series.

All such letters are greatly appreciated. May we anticipate the continuation of a free and frequent exchange of LETTERS!

WE HAVE LETTERS -- WE WANT LETTERS!

D.W. McConaughy, M.D.  
Depot Street, Latrobe, Penna.  
January 25, 1897

S.C. McConahey  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of inquiry of recent date received and I have delayed answering you until I would learn as much as I could about my ancestors or family history. Being the youngest and almost the only one left of a large family I do not know a great deal and can find no one to inform me. My Great Grandfather James McConaughy came from the North of Ireland full stamped Scotch-Irish blue stockings. They settled in Franklin County, Penna. sometime about the middle or before of the last century.

There was a Robert McConaughy (who) came from the same part of Ireland and settled in York County, Penna. in 1734. Of this family are the Gettysburg McConaughys of whom Rev. David McConaughy, D.D., once President of Washington College; also the Hon. David McConaughy, State Senator and James P. McConaughy who was with his family drowned in the Johnstown flood. I am not able to learn whether my Great Grandfather David and this Robert were brothers but think likely they were as there is a striking family resemblance down to the fourth generation as now exists.

As far back as I can trace my Grandfather James McConaughy he married in the McConnell Family in Path Valley and lived on a farm joining Fannettsburg; was married about 1778; his eldest son, David, was born Nov. 13, 1779. He had five sons. David, the oldest, went west into Ohio, and settled in Miami County, not far from Dayton. He had quite a large family of sons and daughters who all married and who with their descendants are scattered all through the West. Some of them still about Dayton. They have frequent reunions and the descendants number somewhere about fifty. I have never attended any of them. My Father was the next oldest son and his family was pretty large. One of the sons moved to Illinois where he raised a pretty large family and they are scattered all through the West; one in Denver, one in Utah, one or two in Rochelle, Illinois. The third one settled in Ligonier, Penna. where the descendants still live. James, the next son had a family but they all died young and no descendants on the male side. The other one died young before he was married. This comprises about all I know about our family or our ancestors. I have no doubt that yours and ours are all of the same original stock or family in Ireland. Our names are spelled somewhat different but I think originally they came from one name. Our name formerly had more letters in it than now; but we abbreviated by leaving out one "n" and "e" after the "h".

Letter from D.W. McConaughy to S.C. McConahey, (Cont'd.)

Originally we spelled it McConnaughey. If you are in Latrobe I would be glad to make your acquaintance and give any further information I could.

Yours very truly,  
D.W. McConaughy

(Note by S.C. McConahey: Later I found this Dr. McConaughy's first name was David.)

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Extract from a letter dated Somerville,  
N.J. Nov. 23, 1897

S.C. McConahey, Esq.,  
820 Penn Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sir:

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Dr. Frank McConaughy of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., is of the same stock (viz., as the Gettysburg Group. SCM) and wrote a series of articles in the Ligonier local paper a few years ago, bearing on the relationship. He is a fine old gentleman.

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Yours truly,  
N. McConaughy

(Note: This (Rev.) Nathaniel McConaughy prepared a detailed and extensive -- circa 4 x 4 FEET -- chart on Thomson-McConaughy marriages in 1890. One is in the "library" here.)

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Letter to Thelma Cooper, Newcastle, Ind.  
August 6, 1959

Dear Irish cousin -

Why the Irish? you ask. Well, note somewhere in the enclosed. One place it says, referring to great-grandfather: "He was of Scotch-Irish descent...don't know whether they came from north Ireland or Scotland." Then about great-grandmother: "Her ancestors were .... originally from Ireland."

Now, are we IRISH or not? Good blood, so I'll accept it. And other good blood mixed along with it.

I thought you'd be interested in the enclosed. It was written some 60 years ago by our deceased cousin Harley Dinsmore, for his grandmother, Aunt Maria Dinsmore. Some of the facts may be somewhat confused here and there, but it's the best written account I have seen of some of our ancestors.

Letter to Thelma Cooper from C.K. McConnaughey - Cont'd.

Most of the places mentioned are in the vicinity of Dayton... such as Beaver Creek, Honey Creek, Mad River, and so on. So I suggest you put this document in your files for future reference.

Then I thought this news might add to your strength and stamina and dismiss the thoughts of passing on for a long time to come. In the headlines are Lilley McConnaughey Waggoner and her brother Chris McConnaughey, Lilley passed her 90th birthday a couple of days ago, and Chris has already celebrated his birthday No. 92. Pretty good stuff in our Irish-Scotch make-up.

Maybe in the cooler days of autumn you'll decide that it's about time to swing over... and talk over some of these things. It ought to be a most interesting session.

Cordially,  
Clyde K. (Kneisley)  
McConnaughey

(Note: The Dinsmore letter will be presented in the future as it contains much of interest. pmg)

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John E. McConnaughey  
Pittsburgh, Penna.  
October 17, 1961

Mrs. W.R. Gregory  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Gregory:

I have been most appreciative of your information regarding the McConnaughey family, and although I have no information to contribute I want you to know how much our family has appreciated your interest in gathering together information regarding our ancestors.

I am wondering whether you have contacted Mr. Samuel McConnaughey (McConahey) who was formerly a Vice-President of Westinghouse Air Brake Company, who is now retired and living part time at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, and the balance of the time at Trumansburg, N.Y. ....

At any rate my reason for writing you at this time is to tell you of the important information Mr. Samuel McConnaughey (McConahy) has regarding the McConnaughey family.

Sincerely,  
John E. McConnaughey

Extract from one of many letters  
from S.C. McConahey to P.M. Gregory  
May 9, 1962

Dear Cousin Patricia Ann:

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I was greatly interested in your letter of April 28, 1962, proposing the issue annually of a Bulletin for the gradual assembly of presently scattered genealogical data on families descending from your William McConnaughey and Ellen Berry; to include, however, similar chronicles for descendant families of related spellings; but all as derived from the Gaelic "Donnachaidh"!

In the past the same thought has come to me from time to time but because of other pressures never materialized in a concrete program.....

Notwithstanding my 86 years, therefore, my present mood is to encourage you in your suggested project and to assist you in any way I can. To that end I submit for your consideration the following paragraphs for what my thoughts may be worth, in sequence as they occur, and without attempting any more orderly arrangement .....

Sincerely,  
S.C. McConahey

(Note: The thoughts have been worth much and the encouragement has brought the Bulletin to being!)

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David C. McConaughy  
Denver, Colorado  
June 18, 1962

Dear Mrs. Gregory:-I enclose subscription to your proposed bulletin on the Clan Maconochie, even though the name is incorrectly spelled. Am sorry I can't contribute any information, but I hit bottom in the letter I sent you. I enclose clipping from the Denver telephone directory, showing that the country is full of poor spellers. Also enclose list that friend wife keeps showing how the name might be spelled as collected on various packages, letters, etc. to our address. I possibly could contribute some work to your bulletin, which I am sure I shall enjoy, even though it is spelled --- how is it spelled?

Sincerely,  
D.C. McConaughy

McConagoughy, McComwagle, McKonigee, McCongughy, McComegely, M.E. COUNGBY, McConughly, McCondughy, McCongagly, McConghan, McBodaughy, McConiggi, McCananghif, McKirney, McConaughny, McConnoge, McCononghy, McCongahy, McCaunaghy!

(Note: Hope for future contributions from D.C. of Denver!)

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