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MC CONNAUGHEY SOCIETY IN A NUTSHELL!

In 1961 the McConnaughey Society of America was formed to collect, assemble, & preserve the records of the McConnaugheys & the variant spellings. There have been nine publications through 1978; the 10th to be published in 1979, and the 11th in 1980. The records are currently kept at 5410 S. Meridian St., Indpls., IN 46227 & are available to those seeking to do research. We welcome contributions of material & will copy & return your originals upon request. Information is freely exchanged & we're constantly on the 'look-out' for members working on the same line in order that we can put them in touch with each other.

Dues for 1979 are \$10 including the 10th Bulletin when published. Dues for 1980 will be \$12 including the 11th Bulletin and are for the period 1/1/80-12/31/80 due in the month of the member's birth. The term 'Bulletin' may be misleading. All, but the first issue, contain 64 pages or more & the material is of, for, by & about McConnaugheys, their variant spellings, and their descendants. Past booklets are available as noted below. Special consideration is given for multiple purchases when possible; but the supplies of past bulletins are becoming more limited; therefore, special prices will also become less frequent. The sale of the past bulletins is used for continuing research in Salt Lake City on all of the name & on other research projects.

The eventual aim is to publish the genealogies of the various branches & to preserve the accumulated material in a central location for future generations.

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GATHERING, 1980!

Plan NOW to attend the FIFTH Annual McConnaughey Society of America Gathering to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 8th and 9th, 1980. Do more than that, plan to bring others & encourage more to attend; think up ideas for future planning; bring pictures and items of interest to display. Again, we'd like some prizes and favors, preferably some that are appropriate for McConnaugheys of Scottish ancestry, but NOTHING is too small! Also items for the Auction. Many bring food items for the Friday picnic which adds to the variety and the fun; but none of these things are mandatory.

We'd like to urge you to come early & stay late so that we can work together on YOUR line. There simply is not enough time during THE day to do this. Bring your problems along & we'll see if we can iron some of them out.

There will be an outdoor supper at the Gregorys on Friday night the 8th of August. We'll have coffee & rolls at the Motel OR at the Gregory office on Saturday morning; registration at noon; buffet at 1; meeting until 4:30; adjourn until 5:30 when we meet again for a Friendship Hour before eating at 6:30; then the final meeting. If there is sufficient interest, we will provide some optional meetings on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday; so let us know what YOU would like to do?

The cost of all activities from Friday night through Saturday night (except room, but including meals and entertainment) is \$ 30 per person with a \$12 registration fee. The fee is not refundable, but will apply to dues if not used.

SEE YOU IN "80!!!!!! -----

We'll be there: \_\_\_\_\_

We want a room (or rooms) \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people on August \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 1980 at \_\_\_\_\_. We have made other arrangements \_\_\_\_\_. We want more information (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, to be applied to the total charges or applied to dues. NO REFUNDS.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH

For exactly how long, I don't recall, but for 5-6 years or more we have had continuing research for McConnaugheys, and variant spellings, done in Salt Lake City by Sylvia Gatton of Springville, UT. By the end of March, 1979, the file contained 238 legal sized pages of notes about our families! Because of the mass of information, I have found it difficult to find time to index; but have indexed by place. The areas covered through March, 1979 are indexed below. Copies of these pages will be furnished for 20¢ per page plus postage upon request. An index by name will be prepared as soon as possible. In most cases, references are by state. In more thickly 'McConnaughey' areas, the references are by counties. These do not contain ALL that is available, but all that was available AT THE TIME RESEARCHED in the Mormon library. More material is added daily to their records and there are other records available in local areas, of course; but they have been and will be of great value to those of us still seeking our family records.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Last year time and circumstances permitted the inclusion of a financial statement from August 1977-August 1978, in two parts -- one up to the 'official' beginning of the corporation, and one after. Since last year was 'fragmented' and future statements will be Jan. 1-Dec. 31, I elected to 'skip' the actual figures at this time; then in 1980 start with the 1979 financial statement.

However, a statement will be available upon request when prepared (probably in January, 1980); and, in the meantime, I did want you all to know that we are still solvent, we have sufficient funds to publish the 10th Bulletin; we have no bills; in spite of higher costs, we should have a balance of several hundred dollars after the bulletin is paid for, including the postage costs. The balance will not be large enough to allow much 'latitude', but the Salt Lake City research can continue through this year and postage costs should be met. I am trying for 'something left over' for the publication of an 'extra' book for the membership. If this is done, it will be free OR available at a nominal cost for members. It will be for sale to others. Since the market for such 'specialty' publications is limited, the edition will be, also.

Three possibilities appear most likely at this time:

1. Fran Bounds' Confederate War McConnaughey records.
2. Andi Cranmer's partial collection of Northern Civil War McConnaughey records (primarily in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, & Iowa.)
3. The Salt Lake City records, collected for us by Sylvia Gatton. These are now so extensive that several books will be required to cover the material, and we're adding to it every month.

Dues for 1980 will be \$12, which should help keep a 'cushion' for other bonus items. We have been pursuing some lines through the media of the death and birth records, which is generally \$2-\$3 per copy. We have also sought out publications for, by, and about McConnaugheys for the Archives. These are small expenditures, but they all add up!

YOU CAN HLEP! Interest others in joining. Purchase copies of the bulletins for libraries, societies, or gifts to others. The money from the sale of past bulletins keeps us going on our research and day-to-day expense.

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McConnaughey Society Membership Defined

In the past year I have had several disturbing moments as a result of "undefined" membership regulations! So, we did some 'defining' at the Gathering:

1. Once we have your name and address it remains on the master mailing list, whether or not you participate by sending dues, etc., until the address becomes obsolete or you request your name be removed. Normally, you will receive one information 'flyer' a year about the Gathering & membership for the current year unless you write for information at another time.
2. Active members are dues payeing members who have paid their dues for the current year. Membership year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each year and, for the sake of simplicity, dues are to be paid in the month of your birth, if not before! You will not receive a reminder, except the once-a-year 'flyer.'
3. Associate members are those who have demonstrated an active interest in the Society and have contributed time, money, and/or material. They are (by vote of the 1979 Gathering) entitled to full voting privileges and other services of the Society.
4. Honorary Members are those who have demonstrated their interest and support to the Society over a period of time. The first Honorary Member is Chuck Robertson, a Life Honorary Member as of August, 1979 for his unceasing interest and support of the McConnaughey Gatherings, starting with the 1st in 1976.
5. Life Members are those who have contributed exceptional services to the Society and are currently Hugh Milner McConahey, Esther L. McConnaughay, and Sister Margaret Teresa McConaughy.
6. Sustaining members were those contributing \$10 or more a year. Since dues for 1979 are \$10 and 1980 will be \$12, ALL members are currently 'sustaining' therefore this classification needs to be revised.

McCONAHY, Norman Eugene, son of James McConahy & Thelma Douglass:  
Address 125 W. Piccadilly, Winchester, VA 22601

McCONAHY, Margaret Bell, dau. of Wm. McConahy & Anne Martin:  
b. 7 May 1872  
Married 28 Nov. 1893  
LESLIE, John L.

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BOOK NOOK

The Werts Family, 1595 to 1978 by Thelma Ungerer, 1978 has a small section of McConnaughey data and has been purchased for our library. (Descendants of Jesse Vance McConnaughey of Hillsboro, OH)

Introducing Scottish Genealogical Research by Donald Whyte, F. H. G., Edinburgh, 1979. (See article by author elsewhere in this issue). Mr. Whyte packs into this publication the fruits of 30 years experience in genealogical studies. The result is an easily read DO IT YOURSELF GUIDE and FINDING AID to relevant primary sources and printed books. Additional material in the revised edition includes notes on Service Records and Newspaper Files, and there are some additions to his selected list of FUNDAMENTAL REFERENCE BOOKS. May be obtained from our Society office for \$ 2.45, including postage; all profits going to the treasury.

Amelia County, VA, Will Book I by Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, 1978, \$ 7.50 purchased for the Archives.

Amelia County, VA Will Book II (Wills 1761-1771) by Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, 1979, \$8 (including postage). Author donated copy to our Archives.

Two Centuries of Virginia Cooking, (The Haw Branch Plantation Cookbook), by Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, \$13 including postage, copy donated to the Archives by the author. Really worth the money!!

GHOSTS AT HAW BRANCH PLANTATION in Amelia County, Virginia, by Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey who lives in the Haw Branch home with her husband, William Cary McConnaughey of the Rowan County, N. C. line. A truly fascinating book, factually told, \$3, including postage.

NOTE: All of Mrs. McConnaughey's books can be ordered from the Society & profits go to the treasury. If you prefer, you may order direct from Mid-South Publishing Co., P. O. Box 188, Amelia, Virginia 23002, which is the author's publishing company.

The Schrunck-Torrey Fuller-Mart Genealogy by Klista Stender, 1979 has a large McConaughy section (descendants of William McConnaughey & Ellen Berry through their son, Andrew Duncan McConaughy, of Guernsey County, OH) with pictures and narrative as well as 'statistics.' There's about 500 pages of genealogical material and narrative, including index plus another 500 pages of genealogical charts. The book is in hard-back and is extremely well done. The author was kind enough to donate a copy to the Archives.

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MISCELLANY

From Latrobe, PA paper "The New Edition" dated 10 Aug. 1977, right after the second Johnstown Flood, courtesy of Edwin C. McConnaughey:

"There was some very bad reporting during the flood and some of the young reporters should carry a map. As an example that story out of Johnstown stating that the Pennsylvania National Guard was going to replace the bridge that spanned the Conemaugh River on Route 56 at Homer City when everyone knows that the Conemaugh River circles Blairsville and is at least 12 miles south of Homer City. The bridge that was carried down stream spanned Twolick Creek about 1/4 mile south of where Yellow Creek empties into Twolick and was known as the MC CONNAUGHEY BRIDGE. It was once a historical spot where the Kittanning Trail crossed and on the high shale bank on the west side of the creek there was at one time a fort and a favorite spot to find arrow heads after a heavy rain."

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THE MC CONNAUGHEY FAMILY

by Elizabeth McConnaughey West

Some years ago Mrs. Bayard McConnaughey sent a small, card-board backed booklet to me for study. It was compiled in 1933 by Elizabeth West and momentarily was confusing since the subject was identified as David Pratt McConnaughey. In time we were able to establish that the name was correctly David Platt McConnaughey, of the Ligonier line from David McConnaughey and Jane Platt, and, further, keep him and a cousin by the same name separated! I typed copies of the booklet and returned the original to Mrs. McConnaughey with deep appreciation for her thoughtfulness. Two-three years later a lady in Michigan sent her copy to us since her husband was dead and they had no children; so we have one of the originals in the Archives and want to share it with you.



DAVID PRATT McCONNAUGHEY  
BORN IN VENANGO CO., PA.  
NOVEMBER 14, 1805.  
DIED AT WASHINGTON, IOWA,  
JANUARY 9, 1900

THE McCONNAUGHEY FAMILY.

Winner, South Dakota,  
December, 1933.

Greetings to the younger generations of the "Grand Old Man," my Father, David Pratt McConnaughey. Although I am a stranger to many of you, to me you are each my dear people, for your Father or Mother, or some grand parent was my brother or sister, for I was the youngest of the family of children of David and Catherine McConnaughey.

I am not forgetting that many other life streams other than the McConnaughey relationship combine to make for each, your own personality. Even so, it still remains that through you all even to the third and fourth generation, could be traced traits of character, something of the physical or mental of these forebears. -- Nor is the writing, and the sending of this picture, (which I had copied from one taken when Father was eighty, fifty three years ago) my only object. There had been such keen regret that during Father's and Mother's life time I did not get such genealogical data as they could have given of both families. So what little I can pass on to you I am happy to do. Knowing that every American likes to know from whence he came as to Nationality. Largely though this letter will be reminiscent of their early days both in Pennsylvania and in Iowa.

In the case of our family it is certainly known that they were early American, my Father's Mother being the daughter of a soldier of the Revolutionary War, an officer, but whether a commissioned officer is not known, nor is it definitely known whether in Continental or Loyalist Army. His name was Samuel Davidson, of Path Valley, Pennsylvania. His daughter, Margaret Davidson, married David McConnaughey, the first, of that name we know about. So we call him

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"David The First." (Editor's note --"David the First" was the son of another David McConnaughey b. ca 1725 in Ireland and his wife, Jane Platt). He was in the War of 1812, and died either on the Great Lakes, or in that vicinity, leaving besides the widow, four daughters, names -- Isabelle, Betsey, Peggy, and one name forgotten, besides my Father, "David the Second" then a little lad of seven years. There were brothers of the first David McConnaughey that we never knew anything about, not even their names. My Great Niece, Josephine Risser Basset, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, has had much interest in all this, hoping to find data that would be sufficient to allow her to become a member of the D. A. R., but without avail. I quote from a letter of hers relative to these things. -- "McConnaughey is either a Scotch or Irish name. It is found in both countries. So with the Thompson, the Smiths were Scotch. On all sides there were Presbyterians galore, until my family got in with Congregationalists at Denmark, Iowa. All the rest of my Father's and Mother's families, the old stock, continued Presbyterian of one sort or another. I could find nothing about any McConnaughey very early. In the record of Sweeds Church, Philadelphia, Pa. there is recorded the marriage of John McConnachy and Catharine McNolche, on April 5, 1796. This might have something to do with us, because in the latest edition of "The Scottish Clans and their Tartans," it gives variations of Scottish names. We would come under that is known by the Highlanders, as the Clan, Donnachie, which is the old Highland name for Clan Robertson, which is divided into septs, like most other clans. Among those septs, are Sept MacConachie, Sept Mac Coniechy. (There is also a sept of this name belonging to the Campbells of Inverawe) and sept MacConcchie. So in looking for any thing look under those variations, for they are official. Our state (Minnesota) Historical Library, has quite a collection of the muster rolls of the ontinental Army, and nowhere could I find anything remotely resembling McConnaughey, and only one Davidson, in the Muster Roll of Arnolds Battery, commencing May 1st, 1776, and ending August 1st, 1777 -- Captains Davidson, Samuel, from command of the Warren. March 9th, 1776, appointed -- Commodore, June 15th, 1776, and if you can make head or tail of that, you'll be doing well."

Josephine has in this interesting historical sketch, given us a new slant on the name, and made me remember that in early days different ones of our family would try for a time to shorten the names, (sometimes spelling it McConahy).

The following copied from a history of Washington County, Iowa, published in 1880, is an interview with my Father, who was one of the early settlers. It gives some interesting facts as to his early life.

"David Pratt McConnaughey was born November 14th, 1805 in Venango County, Pennsylvania. His parents moved to Beaver County, (Western part of the state) there he was on a farm, and educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty he went to learn the hatter's trade with Jacob Courtney of Darlington, Pennsylvania. After three years of apprenticeship learning the trade, he worked at journey man hatter's work about two years. In 1829 he went into partnership with Robert Tate in the hatting business at Mt. Jackson, Pa. where he remained two years. In 1832 he started in business on his own account in New Bedford, Mercer County, Pa. where he remained until 1850, when he sold out and went to farming. In 1853 he came to Iowa, and located at Denmark, Lee County, where he lived two years, coming to Washington County, Iowa in 1855. He owns a farm of two hundred acres, which is well improved. He is one of the oldest settlers now living in Franklin Township, and has seen the ups and downs of pioneer life. He was married to Catharine Thompson in Oct. 1830, a native of Mercer County, Pa. They have had nine children, Dr. David Smith, John Thompson, Samuel Davison, and Elizabeth Ellen, wife of Rev. P. B. West, are now living."

Those early days in Pa. had little leisure, for every thing they had to wear or use was made by hand. Every town had its trades people of all sorts. Even "The butcher and baker, and candle stick maker." The hatter being one. This old book keeping book shows little money in exchange for hats. It was all sorts of barter and trade. Father used to tell that when his years of learning hat making were ended, and he had five dollars and a watch, he got married. It is little enough to say, that the wife he took was an asset to his business. For it was her part to finish the hats with lining, bands, and binding, no doubt with joy in the doing, for

family south for a vacation and they were caught in a hurricane on 27 Sept., 1906. About 16 persons were in a hotel room. Sarah got frightened and said: "The chimney is falling down!" She started to go across the hall which ran through the house. The two little Hazen girls were clinging to their mother and all three were swept out of the hall and drowned. The girls were found the next day above the hotel and Sarah was found among the drift logs in the edge of Mobil Bay three days later. All three were temporarily buried there, but later were moved to Oak Park Cemetery, New Castle, PA.

Bruce was in his father's arms when his mother and sisters were swept away by the water. According to James E. McConahy, Adomiram was saved from drowning when a negro helped him to grab the mane of a swimming horse. Adomiram grieved and apparently blamed himself for the loss of his family. He died suddenly on a street car in New Castle. "Bruce will have four lots with houses, worth about \$6-8,000, all clear of debt, when he becomes of age." Bruce lived with his aunt Maggie (Margaret) Leslie in November 1921 and was working in a print shop in New Castle in 1923. He was still living in Western Pennsylvania in 1977.

McCONAHY, Mary E., daughter of Wm. & Anne (Martin) McConahy: Born 27 March 1863 Law. Co., PA; D. 2 Apr or May 1864.

McCONAHY, Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Wm. & Anne (Martin) McConahy: Born 16 May 1865 Lw.Co.,PA d. 24 Dec. 1896 Married 8 June 1883 to RODGERS, and had:

1. Dora Grace Rodgers (Teaching in Beaver Falls, but living in New Castle, 30 Nov. 1921)
2. Frank Rodgers
3. Frederick Earl [Living with Maggie Leslie (1921?)]

McCONAHY, Thomas George, son of Wm. & Anne (Martin) McConahy: Born 27 Aug. 1867 Law. Co., PA; Died 1935

Married 19 Mar 1895 to PATTERSON, Eva Jane (Jennie) b. Mar. 1876

1. Mary Ellen McConahy 6. George Martin (b. 11 Dec. 1905)
2. Martha Jane McConahy 7. Rebecca Louise McConahy (b. 4 b. 13 Nov. 1898) July 1908)
3. Esther Evelyn McC. 8. Wm. Alex. (b. 2 Mar. 1910)
4. Anna Margaret McC. 9. Thomas John (b. 21 Aug. 1912)
5. James Eugene McConahy

Mr. & Mrs. McConahy owned a farm in Washington T., Lawrence Co., PA.

McCONAHY, Mary Ellen, dau. of Thos. & Eva J. (Patterson) McConahy: b. 13 Feb. 1896 Law. Co., PA

Married 23 April 1919 to McCONNEL, Sherman J. and had:

1. Meril (Mary) Louise McConnel (b. 21 March 1920 d. June/July 1974)
2. Mable Geraldine McConnel b. 2 Dec. 1921

McCONAHY, Esther Evelyn, dau. of Thos. & Eva J. (Patterson) McC.: b. 13 Nov. 1900 Law. Co., PA

Married 14 Aug. 1918 to GRAHAM, Jessie A. and had:

1. John Russel Graham b. 6 April 1920

McCONAHY, Anna Margaret, dau. of Thos. & Eva (Patterson) McConahy: b. 14 Jan. 1902 Lawrence Co., PA

Married 16 June 1920 to MERETT, John Russel and had:

1. John Russel Merett, Jr. b. 21 Nov. 1921; d. 9 Dec. 1921.

McCONAHY, James Eugene, son of Thos. & Eva (Patterson) McConahy: b. 13 Nov. 1903 Lawrence Co., PA (address Box 251, R. D. #1, Volant, PA 16156)

Married 4 April 1923 to DOUGLASS, Thelma Frances

1. Wilda Evelyn McConahy 5. Dorothy Jean McConahy
2. Norman Eugene McC. 6. Anna Pauline McConahy
3. Earl Wallace McC. 7. Wm. Paul McConahy
4. Eliz. Jane McConahy 8. James Charles McConahy

James has been a deputy sheriff, lumberman, and presently owns and operates a farm in Washington T., Lawrence Co., PA. Thelma wears a heart pacemaker.

MC CONAHY, John W. m. KELLY, Mellissa 28 Nov. 1879  
b. 22 April 1851 Law. Co., PA

d. October 1880

MC CONAHY, William Paton (owned a store and delivery truck in New Castle, PA 30 Nov. 1921)  
m. 2nd PATON, Mary V. and had

McCONAHY, Alex, 2nd son of Wm. McConahy & Anne Martin:  
b. 24 Nov. 1852 Law. Co., PA d. 12 Feb. 1915

Married March 1880 to STORMONT, Martha E. and had:

1. Anna McConahy
2. Riley McConahy
3. Martin McConahy
4. David Stormont McConahy

McCONAHY, Margaret, 3rd child of Wm. & Anne (Martin) McConahy:  
b. 5 Jan. 1855 Law. Co., PA d. 31 July 1856 Law Co., PA  
(Gravestone -- Eastbrook, U. Pres. Cem., PA)

McCONAHY, William, Jr., 4th child of Wm. & Anne (Martin) McConahy:  
b. 23 Nov. 1856 Law. Co., PA d. 10 June 1931

Last known address: 421 Martin Ave., New Castle, PA

Married 28 August 1893 to MCKEE, Hattie Gail, daughter of Dr. C. W. McKee, who was born in Armstrong Co., PA-- Hazen, 1908); and had:

1. Cleo Ann McConahy (Married with one son and one daughter, ca 1923.
2. Minnie Amanda McConahy

"William McConahy, one of New Castle's leading contractors who has also had a large experience in the lumber business, has been a resident of this city for a number of years, but still retains his farm in Hickory T. He spent his early life on the home farm and attended the country schools. Prior to starting out to visit many sections of the country to buy timber, he engaged, for several years, in a sawmill and lumber business on the homestead. Later he purchased many acres of standing timber and did a large amount of buying of walnut timber for the export trade. He continued in the business after moving to New Castle, but later became mainly interested in general contracting, subsequently becoming senior member of the McConahy & Martin firm -- one which has done extensive contracting all over the city (New Castle) and in parts adjacent.

"Mr. McConahy is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Hoo-Hoo Club, and also of the Lumbermen's Association. He is a representative citizen, loyal, enterprising and public spirited." (Hazen, 1908)

Martin Street's name resulted from the development of this Street by William and Martin. Martin was William's cousin.

William served on the New Castle police force for at least 14 years. He received \$125 per month for a 12-hour day. 'Cold, dark nights he has to be out most, as that is when the thieves work the most, thinking they will not be caught.' William was a large man, weighing ca 114 kg (ca 250 lbs.).

McCONAHY, Martin, son of William & Anne (Martin) McConahy  
Married REIHLING, Lena and had:

1. Lillie McConahy
2. Dollie McConahy
3. William McConahy
4. Carl McConahy
5. Pearl McConahy

McCONAHY, Sarah Ann, Daughter of Wm. & Anne (Martin) McConahy:  
b. 19 March 1861 d. 27 Sept. 1906 Law. Co., PA

Buried Oak Park Cemetery, New Castle, PA

Married 23 May 1899 (1900 Census Law. Co., PA.)

to HAZEN, Adomiram L. b. July 1845; died Spring 1921 and had:

1. Anne Margaret, born 1900; died 27 Sept. 1906, buried with mother.
2. Elizabeth, died 27 Sept. 1906 and buried with mother.
3. Bruce Hazen

Adomiram Hazen was a successful grocer. He took his young

she was a beautiful needle woman. All this, aside from the carding, spinning, weaving of the flax or wool for the households garments and linens and blankets. Mother used to say that when all the making, coloring, and pressing of cloth was finished ready to be sewed by hand, they thought they were almost through. Then there was the cooking on the fire place. There were no matches, so if the fire went out they would go to a neighbor for a shovelfull of coals. There was no baking powder or soda, so cooking had little variety. Washings in the summer time was done down by the creek. To show you Mother's thought of God's love and willingness to forgive our wrong doing, here is a little story of one of those "wash-days down by the creek." Having the washing all ready for the rinse she went to the house to prepare dinner. On returning to her work she found her clean clothes all in a tub of dirty suds. The little boy William coming up said: "I helped Mama, I put them all to soak." "Could I punish my child for trying to help? No, God deals with us gently, when we make mistakes." Mother was a woman of Energy, and executive ability. Of quiet, kindly heart to whom the sick and needy turned, always finding her ready to help. One of her sayings was: "I'd rather push my work, than to have my work push me." Another in regard to gossip, was "The tale bearer and the tale hearer, should be hung up together, one by the tongue, and the other by the ear."

Nor was the spiritual life neglected. Strict observance of the Sabbath day, by church going, and teaching the Catechism to the children (a form of religious teaching by question, and answer. All far above a child's mind). Those were days too of strict obedience at home, and "Lickin and Larnen" at school. I have heard my brother John tell of how he had so many punishments at school, always knowing that when he got home, he would be punished, because he had been punished. It all seems so dreadful now, but God in his mercy brought good out of Evil, for the going home to "Face the music", helped to make a sturdy character. Mother, in her later years expressed her regret at having been so severe with her older children. Be that as it may, there developed a family who had great respect for the parents, and a gentle courtesy for the brothers and sisters. Besides this, their obedience was an example for us younger ones. So brother Sam and I never got more than a frown, and "Tut, tut, children don't be so noisy," from Father, or a rebuke from Mother. As those old days in New Bedford, Pa. went by the family grew large and the business of hat making small for all such business went to factories.

So Father came to Iowa, and settled for two years in Denmark, Lee County, where the older children, Rebecca, Alex, David, attended the very good Academy, Rebecca also taking lessons in Oil Painting. Brother David was an artist and portrait painter later in life of no mean ability. Denmark being a community of New England people, the change from the Western Reserve of Pa. was a good one for the family. Also in the new neighborhood that grew up about the Washington County farm, there were settlers from the East whose influence was fine. Especially one who had been a music teacher who before the Civil War kept the young people interested in their Do, Ra, Me's. My brothers all had exceptional voices, and good taste in music. Brother Sam & I were too little to be in all this, but to me, it now seems as I hear over the radio sung by the artists, that I grew up with all those. For seldom hear an old song or hymn that is not familiar. It is one of the joys of my life.

One of the first crops on the new farm was broom corn, which proved one source of "cash money" while the farm was developing. The broom making machinery had to be set up in the little two roomed house, after the shelling of the seed from the first crop to prepare the brush for making brooms. The seed scattered hither and yon. Coming up like a young forest around the house in the spring. There had been a little church organized in Washington through the efforts of my people, and two other families, (Arnolds and Sturgess) which sorely needed funds. So Mother who never could bear to see anything go to waste, said to Father that if he would make up the brooms on shares, she would cultivate with the hoe, (this lot of young broom corn about the house) and give her share to the church. I still see in memory the waving tossing little forest that surrounded us. The pastor of the Washington church came out Sunday afternoons to hold Sunday school and preaching service in our little home. The broom machinery was set outside Saturday afternoons, and brooms were used inside, to make ready. Rude benches were set in,

the baking was done for Sunday, the men greased their boots, and shaved their faces, "the house was clean and peaceful, and all the work was over -- the very broom was hanging up, behind the kitchen door, and then when Sunday Morning came t'was not like other days." We hustled up and went to church, and then came home and ate our lunch, and then the Sunday school! Great events for us children of the neighborhood, for do not forget that there were neither children's papers or books, nor were we allowed to take our slates and pencil to amuse ourselves on God's holy day, nor read over our lessons in our school books, or walk in the garden, or gather the eggs. Thanks be, my people out-grew those old ideas of what was pleasing to God, and we all know to our sorrow, how far we have drifted into making The Lord's Day one of little church going and much pleasure. God grant, that we do not lose sight of spiritual values.

In 1861 when the Civil War came on John said to Father that when the wheat was harvested, he would enlist. This he did in the 7th Iowa Infantry, a regiment that saw more than the usual amount of active service. John's rank was drum major. Toward the end of his enlistment for "Three years or the War" he reenlisted, and was given a furlow before he began his second term of service, which included Sherman's March to the Sea.

The following is a list of the battles in which he was engaged from August 1881 to August 1885, when he was discharged, being in the hospital three months after the war ended.

- First -- Battle of Belmont
- Second -- " " Fort Henry
- Third -- " " Fort Donaldson
- Fourth -- " " Pittsburgh Landing or Shiloh
- Fifth -- " " Corinth
- Sixth -- " " Peach Tree Creek and Wilson's Creek.
- Seventh -- " " Siege of Atlanta.
- Eighth -- " " Sherman's March to the Sea which included numerous smaller engagements.
- Ninth -- " " Battles or Skirmishes of Sherman's Army up through South Carolina.
- Tenth -- " " Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, where he was wounded.
- Eleventh -- " " Battle of Bentonville, carried in ambulance (mule team and wagon) to Goldsboro, N.C.
- Twelfth -- " " Bentonville, carried in ship to Davies Island, N. Y. City where he remained from

April until August. John's comrades tell that he was a good forager, as most of the foods on the long march had to be foraged, as the song has it, "How the sweet potatoes even started from the ground, as we were marching through Georgia." John told himself how once he thought he'd take to the camp some honey, and picked up a bee hive, started to run with it, and the bees swarmed out on him. He did not get honey, but the women of the house who saw the incident got a good laugh, and he got stung! In time of battle, his duty when the music ceased was to carry off from the battle field the dead and wounded. His comrades told how when not occupied with that work he would pick up a gun and fire away. One letter that came to us was just a scrap of paper picked up from the battle field, with a line on it to let us know he was safe.

The next member of our family to go into service was David (the third) who enlisted in the Eleventh, Iowa Infantry. Many were the words of praise of him as a soldier, both by officers and comrades. A part of his service included the siege of Richmond. Owing to failing health, he was given an honorable discharge. Afterward employed by the Commissary department of the army, until the end of the war.

My brother William enlisted in the Nineteenth, Iowa Infantry when just a lad of eighteen. During his regiment's campaign through Missouri, and Arkansas, including the battle of Pea Ridge, William was not able for active camp service, so was detailed as hospital steward..

your father's home the next day. Your mother did not finally move for about a week.

She got a load of moving, a bed and other necessary things, a cow and calf and six sheep. Brother James and I started early the next morning with the oxen and wagon to take some things additional. When we got there your mother and father were eating breakfast.

Your father had two small fields cleared and corn planted on one. There were three large piles of stone in one of them and corn planted in it. Your father had no horse so the corn was not much worked with a horse, but they both worked with the hoe. The ground was good and fresh and crop was very good. Your father wanted to sow wheat in that field. He cut it (the corn) and hauled it on a sled with a large old pair of oxen and set it up in large shocks near the house. It was cut too green and when it was husked the cobs in much of it wetted (was wet) and the corn moulded. Your father had no corn crib so he carried it upstairs and put it all over the floor two feet deep or more, but it did not dry good and was badly moulded and he fed much of it to the hogs.

Your father chopped chestnut trees near the Jim Ellia line and your mother gathered the chestnuts until she had about 8 bushels. They made a place above the hearth and dried them. As the price of chestnuts was low, they put them in barrels to keep them for a better price. They would not eat a handful of them. They were damp in the barrels and moulded, so they were thrown in the hog lot and lost. Your father had a flock of sheep in the woods. The wool got matted with little burs. He traded them to old Mr. Shaffer for a 2 year-old colt with four white legs up to the knees. He was a handsome colt but got balky and would lie down on the wagon. He sold him to old George Moses for 75 dollars who was taking a drove of horses East. He fattened the old oxen on boiled wheat and got a young yoke (of oxen). You know how he bought a lot of tinware that he did not need and a large threshing machine that sold for half of that it cost, also a nice pair of oxen in Pittsburgh. I bought them at the sale at much less than they cost. All those losses had to be paid for out of his estate. James Ellis has now got your father's and your Uncle Alex's farms. I heard that the farm got poor while James McConahy had it. John McConahy told me they did not want him to get it. Your father died on August 12, 1889. Your mother died at her home on the old farm on June 26, 1890 (believed to be April.)

Mary Stewart married a man named William Scott of New Castle. They had a child they called William Scott. Her husband died of a disease called 'bloody flux.' She and her child went to live with her mother near the U. P. Church near Eastbrook for a time. I think your father took William to Pittsburgh when he brought the oxen out. Phill Cunningham offered him 7 cents a pound for his cattle in September and your father kept them until the next February and took them to Pittsburgh and sold part of them for 4 cents a pound.

Mary Stewart Scott then married a man named Vernan Flowers. Your mother and her had some trouble afterward. Your grandmother McConahy, I believe was a Stunkard before she was married. She married a McConahy, then a Stewart. Your Uncle Conly McConahy married a Stunkard. Sarah McConahy that married Joseph McKnight was their daughter. One of her daughters married a man named Warnock and lives on the old Shaffer farm north of Stunkard's. Mary Stunkard afterward married Hugh Wilson.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, PA MC CONAHY'S

Thanks to Ralph Nash (5405 Weymouth Drive, Springfield, VA 22151) who is Senior Editor in preparing the forthcoming "A Martin Family Genealogy", scheduled for publication in 1980, we have some additional data on the 'Isle of Skye' line of Donald McConaghy and Mary McLeod. With Mr. Nash's generous permission, we are printing this portion of his manuscript, which I know you will find of interest.

William MC CONAHY b. 1816 in Ireland, d. 1875 Lawrence Co., PA  
 Married 6 June 1850 North Slippery Rock T., Lawrence Co.  
 to  
 Anne MARTIN b. 17 July 1828 Ireland (Presumably Drumscrib,  
 Monaghan Co., from immigration records)  
 Lawrence Co., PA (Gravestone--East-  
 brook U. Pres. Ch. Cem., PA)  
 Died 26 April 1890 North Slippery Rock T.  
 Married 6 June 1850 North Slippery Rock T.  
 to  
 William J. McCONAHY  
 born 1816 Ireland  
 Died 1875 Lawrence Co., PA  
 Children: (1860 & 1880 census, Hickory T., Law. Co., PA)  
 1. John W. 6. Sarah Ann  
 2. Alex L. 7. Mary E.  
 3. Margaret 8. Mary Elizabeth  
 4. William, Jr. 9. Thomas George  
 5. Martin 10. Margaret Bell

William McConahy was a native of Ireland and was 16 when he came to the United States in 1832. He lived in New York City until 1837 before going to Lawrence Co., PA. He purchased a farm in Hickory T., and followed farming and lumbering through his active years. (Hazen, 1908).

The following is a letter from George Martin dated 25 Dec. 1923:

Mr. Wm. McConahy  
 Dear Nephew,  
 As I am the only person now alive that was present when your mother and father were married, except Thomas J. Martin, who is now in California.

It was a nice day. Father (we) lived in the old log house he (we) first built on the farm when it was all in timber about the year 1832. Your parents were married on the 6th of June 1850. Your father and his company all on horseback came as there were no buggies at that date. His party were his half sister, Mary Stewart, Jane Patton, and her brother John Patton, Thomas Fisher of Eastbrook, and John Cooper from near Harlansburg, Pennsylvania. Rev. James Blackwood came from near Rose Point to marry them. He was the father of Dr. James Blackwood of New Castle. David Love came with Rev. Blackwood. David was a young man.

Instead of a gate there were bars at the line between John Youngs and our land. The bars were made of rails split thin and dressed with an axe. I was sent to take the bars out, so there would be nothing to detain the party.

Rev. Blackwood made a long ceremony. They were on the floor for an hour. I saw tears running down the cheeks of Mary Stewart. I did not know what she was crying for. But she (had been) told that the one that first moved their feet when being married would die first. She saw your father move his feet and it caused her to cry.

All but Rev. Blackwood and David Love stayed at our home that night. The next day about 9 a.m. they started for your father's home. Your mother and father, John Cooper, Mary Stewart, Thomas Fisher, sister Eliza, John Patton, sister Margaret, brother James D. Martin, and Jane Patton formed the company all on horseback. Your Aunt Jennie McConahy and some one to help her had the dinner ready when they got there. Only our own people came to our home from

In the records of his company he was ranked as musician. After General Ben Butler took the city of New Orleans, La. my brother was given clerical work with an office in "Headquarters, Defenses of the city." His regiment had long been prisoners of war. He made many friends among the Union Citizens of New Orleans, and officers and clerical helpers, one of whom his room mate, W. G. Stewart of Philadelphia, Pa. came to be a most devoted friend whose friendship extended to our family many years. This W. G. Stewart became an Episcopal minister through the friendship and influence of my brother who had himself expected to be a minister of the gospel. When my brother was taken ill, a friend in the city asked permission of the Gov't. to take him to his home. Hiring nurse, (whose photo I still have) and physician. We might use the old adage, "Death loves a shining mark." -- Again this Samuel K. Knox of Carondelet St. asked permission of the Gov't. this time to be permitted to bury his young soldier friend. Clippings from New Orleans papers of that date tell of the Cortège that followed to his burial in Lafayette Cemetery. The Regiment being paroled had reached the city, ragged, foot sore, and hungry, the day William died, and the New Orleans paper told of those comrades following to his last resting place. So many letters followed those numerous clippings, giving such account of brother's fine life that comforted.

Old letters tell some things of the days on the farm during the Civil War. Trees were planted. The yard filled in and grass seed sowed. I remember my brother Will, planted the one cotton wood, a little slip of a thing in the back yard. That now measures more than twenty-seven feet in circumference. But on the farm orchards, vineyards and crops growing. Life went on as it always does. We lived on what we could raise, or get. We wore what we had. After the War John took hold of the farming. Brother David studied medicine. Brother Alex who had been Father's right hand man all those trying years of the War had married, bought a part of the land from Father, and had his own nice little home.

During these years, Father had some legal affairs to settle. After the War of 1812, when the first David McConaughy died, there had been set aside a grant of land by the Govt. for the heirs of this soldier. This land grant was located in Northeast Missouri. Father found it had been sold for taxes and settled on for twenty-five years.

My Mother had received three hundred dollars from her Father's estate in Pa. This she gave to Father with which to buy out his sister's interest in this grant of land. After some years of litigation through the courts of Missouri, the land was deeded to Father, who made satisfactory settlement with the man who had settled on it. Then sold him the farm. The money received from the selling of that land grant, built the new house on our Washington County home farm. Also helped buy what we called the North farm of one hundred acres. Fifty acres of which was later deeded to my brother, Samuel who lived upon it until failing health compelled him to seek warmer climate. Life's little day was almost run for him even then, and in less than a year after going to Rogers, Arkansas, he died. Much credit is due his widow, Clara, for the way she kept her family together, helping to make of them the fine citizens they all are, they now caring for their Mother in these later years. Sam's and Clara's childrens names are as follows: Addison, Charles, Roy, and Thelma (Now Mrs. Geo. Thompson of Rogers, Arkansas.) My brother Samuel Davidson was injured by a fall when eighteen months old. In those days surgery was almost unknown, so nothing was done. A hip disease followed making him a cripple for life. As children, we were like twins, and I thought those indispensable crutches were like fairy wands, always so protecting, for as we trudged across the prairie to school, he could wave a crutch, and the grazing horses or cattle would disappear, or the snake in the grass would scurry to his hole in the ground or get his back broken. Physically handicapped he always was, but mentally equal to any, and the peer of most men. Spiritually he was at peace with God, To have achieved a profession and carried on with skill as a dentist many years until his health failed, to have married the splendid girl Clara White, of Brighton, Iowa, and to have left in this world three fine sons and a lovely daughter, is a fine record.

You will see as I record the names of the family (without dates) that this brother Samuel was next to the youngest of the nine:



First: Emily Jane, died when young. Life had been full of work, and teaching. There were also plans for a home of her own, but from life's sweet young days she was taken to a land of perfect happiness. The Dr. Eberhardt whom she had expected to marry always counted himself one of our family.

Second: Rebecca married Cyrel Newton who with his sisters had come from Vermont to teach. There were four children, Adria, Emily, George, and Mary. Mr. Newton took his family overland to Nebraska, and homesteaded near Lincoln. The children came down with typhoid fever and after nursing them through that illness, my sister had not the strength to combat the disease. Life held happiness in spite of the lack of the comforts of life. The love of home and husband, and the children, and her joy in the knowledge that God cares for all his own, made life well worth while for her. She was a calm sweet woman whom we are sure received a welcome to the "House not made with hands Eternal in the Heavens."

Third: Alexander James, physically a prince of a man. Was happily married to Emily Baker, who was the first sister-in-law, and a joy to the whole family especially to Mother during those early trying days on the farm and through the Civil War, both Alex and Emily were a tower of strength to church and community. Their son Frank, the first Grandson also helped keep the spirits up. Emily's fine housekeeping was an incentive to me as a little girl, as also was her ability to make good things, teaching me to sew and cook. My brother died while under forty years old leaving sorrow that did not end for the wife and leaving a son Frank Baker, so like his father, and a dear little daughter five years old, who is now Mrs. Eva Risser, wife of Rev. H. Arthur Risser of Minneapolis. To one whose life had been so in accord with the life of our Lord Jesus, the going was indeed a blessed one for my brother Alex. Emily's long years of widowhood was spent with her children, who spared no effort to make her happy. She kept a little apartment in her son's home and from that dearest spot on earth to her, she passed on in her ninety sixth year. We think of her with love and with this: "I shall be satisfied when I awake in His likeness."

Fourth: David Smith, (The third David) whose war record I have already given, was a physician honored by men of his profession and loved by his patients. His bride, Josephine Terry of Washington was both lovely and well educated, with a gay little personality all her own. The honeymoon for that couple never ended till "Death do us part" -- shall we say it did then? There was more than a half century of life together with children, Bajizetta dying in childhood, left Harry David, James Terry, and Grace. All through the long years since his war service my brother had suffered. He died some fifteen years ago in his home in Wayland, Iowa. His faith is summed up in this. "For the love of God is greater than the measure of man's mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind."

For some years Josephene and the daughter, Grace who was teaching in Springfield, Ill. music school made their home together. In later years she had her home with the son Harry David in Wilmette, Illinois. Less than two years ago her spirit took its flight to realms immortal, knowing all was well with her soul, so the circle of dear ones of our family had to close up the rans, and go on without her.

Fifth: Isabelle, a little girl of six, died of diphtheria.

Sixth: John Thompson, whose war record I have given, stayed on the home farm to make it possible for Father and Mother to end their days in the home they loved. John married Lucetta Mills. From a psychological point of view, even if "Cupid" had not taken a hand in this matrimonial venture, it would have been perfect. Temperamentally they were different, yet with many tastes and interests in common. The coming in as Lucetta did, where Father and Mother had long had their home, no one could have made happier conditions. Lucetta was cheerful and loving. The wonderful voice she had made melody through the house. Then the reading aloud to them, the entertaining their friends, kept loneliness from creeping in on them in their old days.

Surely none of their daughters could have made them so happy for we were all too quiet a people during middle life. The effects of his long army service and the bullet he carried in his leg, broke

2. Archibald married Rachel Acheson (from the roadside farm in Island-efrick now owned by Millars. Archibald's mother is said to have been a Keith of Greenhill.), and had family:
  - A. Robert married Susannah Greer (see Greer family tree) and had issue:
    - a. Hugh, unmarried.
    - b. James Greer, unmarried.
    - c. Mary Ann, married James Lynn (see Lynn of Gate-side family tree).
  - B. Nancy, unmarried.
  - C. Rachel, unmarried.
  - D. Hugh, unmarried.

NOTE: No male heirs from either brother, EXCEPT Robert Reid McConaghy, who came to America! Would be nice to find some of his descendants, wouldn't it?

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#### MY PRAYER

Dear Lord, Let me not continually ask for favors,  
Rather, let me thank you for all you have done for me.  
If I do ask for favors, and you grant them,  
Give me the Grace to thank you for them.

Let me arise each day and count my blessings--  
Of which I find I have many;  
Let me not complain about my trials,  
Which after all are few, beside some others I see about me.

Bless me and mine each day,  
And give us the courage to live and do your way;  
Please grant me the understanding,  
To convey the love and trust, I have for my husband,  
And to him for his dearness,  
When I so sorely need him and his love.

THANKS dear LORD for him, his love and YOURS. AMEN.

by Bessie McConnaughey Robbins  
June, 1954

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"John Reid died a couple of years later, in 1874, and just three weeks before John's death, the older brother Robert made his will. The farm at Cloyfin was left to John Reid Stirling, and 100 lb. each was left to:

his sister Rebecca Bell McConaghy of Boghill,  
his nephew John Reid Stirling of Knockinkeeragh,  
his nephew William James Stiling of Knockinkeeragh,  
his niece Ann Jane McConaghy of Boghill,  
his niece Elizabeth Acheson of Coleraine,  
his nephew Robert Huston of Kiltinney,  
his nephew Hugh McConaghy of Kilgrain,  
his nephew Aaron Huston of Naar,  
his nephew Daniel Reid Huston of Kiltinney and  
his nephew Samuel McConaghy of Boghill.

"He mentioned the new house at Cloyfin, and made provision for his sister Rebecca Bell McConaghy, and, at her death, his niece, Ann Jane McConaghy, to live in it. He left his sister-in-law Jane Reid 1 lb. per annum, and instructed that her house should be kept in habitable repair. Both his sister Rebecca Bell McConaghy and his sister-in-law Jane predeceased Robert -- he was the last of the Reids in Cloyfin and died May 1877, aged 82."

p. 41..."An old-established family which has been mentioned several times in this chapter is the McConaghy family. I find a James McConaghy in Boghill in the Tithe Book of 1837 for Coleraine parish. The McConaghys of Gateside and Boghill are the same family, and can be traced back to two brothers Archibald and James. I cannot establish which holding was the original McConaghy farm. James McConaghy's farm in Boghill passed to his son Samuel and was subsequently sold by McConaghys to Hugh Stewart, then to John Hamill, and is now owned by James McCollum. It lies between Huston's farm and Stewart's of Boghill. Archibald McConaghy of Gateside had a son Robert who married Susannah Greer. At the time Robert married he obtained this another small farm as a home for himself and his wife. Later on this farm was sold to Greers, and he and his wife returned to Gateside. Their daughter, Mary Ann, married James Lynn of Gateside, and this farm is now incorporated in the Lynn farm."

p. 54 -- REID OF CLOYFIN FAMILY TREE

Daniel Reid, Cloyfin (died 1841 aged 79) and his wife, Ann (died 1828 aged 65) had family as follows:

1. William died in 1848 aged 56
2. Robert of Cloyfin, died 1877 aged 82
3. Elizabeth, died 1842 aged 44, married Robert Huston of Kiltinney (see Huston of Kiltinney family tree).
4. John (died 1874 aged 72) married 1846 in Dunluce, Sarah Rankin of Park, Daughter of Hugh Rankin, farmer.
5. Jane (died 1858 aged 52) married John Stirling of Knockinkerragh (see Stirling of Knockinkerragh family tree).
6. Rebecca Bell (died between 1/9/1876 and 30/5/1877) married James McConaghy of Boghill (see McConaghy family tree.)"

p.55... MCONAGHY FAMILY TREE

I have been able to trace this family back to two brothers, James and Archibald.

1. James married Rebecca Bell Reid (see Reid of Cloyfin family tree) and had family:
  - A. Samuel, married 1869 in Ballywatt, Jane McCurdy (See McCurdy of Cloyfin family tree) and had issue:
    - a. Annie married but died young.
    - b. Robert Reid, went to America.
  - B. Hugh, farmed at Kilgrain, later lived in Causeway Street, Portrush, married and had a daughter Annie Margaret who married James Mitchell..
  - C. Elizabeth, married 1866 in Terrace Row, Hugh Acheson of Kilgrain (see Atchison of Kilgrain family tree)..
  - D. Anne Jane, unmarried.

my brother John's health, and took the spring out of his step. During those years of semi-invalidism, the spiritual fires burned brighter as the body grew more frail and during the Easter season of 1900 as the angels sang, his spirit took its flight. Leaving the widow Lucetta, and sons, Ralph and Harlow, and Grace and Johnny, one child, as infant William having died; Johnny's death followed the same year. Both Father and Mother were dead so Lucetta with her children Harlow and Grace went to her brother, Rev. Harlow Mills at Benzonia, Michigan, who had lost his wife shortly before. This was her home many years, till they builded themselves a cottage in Pilgrim Place, Caremont, California where Lucetta is still "At home" to her many friends.

Seventh: William Nisbit, who died young in New Orleans, La. during the Civil War, as I have already told you.

Eighth: Samuel Davidson, a sketch of whose life I gave you. He, a cripple on crutches during childhood, using a cane later in life. As a child he would sidle up to Mother when he saw other children running, and say "when I get to Heaven I won't be lame, Will I Mother?"

Ninth: Myself, Elizabeth Ellen. When twenty-four years old, married rev. P. B. West, a young minister just from Land Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, who came as pastor of the little Franklin Congregational Church which was the outgrowth of the services held in our little house Sunday afternoons in the early days. We had many years together, happily trying to do our best for the churches we served in Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, and Nebraska. Mr. West had also been a Civil War soldier in the twenty-fifth Infantry. Broken health resulted thereby for many years. Also he was for a time assistant Editor of the "Chicago Advance", our church paper. Mr. West died in Ainsworth, Nebraska, at the home of his daughter, Katherine West Kelly, leaving myself, lonely and old, also two daughters, Katherine Lucetta and Margaret Major, to whom he was a proud good Father, and they, to me most devoted daughters. His going took from the world a man who had the courage of his convictions, and whose faith in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus, never faltered. My home is now with Margaret (Mrs. O. V. Hoffine) at Winner, So., Dak.

My Mother's people, the Thompsons, were a large family. The sisters were Rebecca, Jane, and Mary, who lived to be more than one hundred years old. Brothers: Smith (whihc was his Mother's Maiden name) Robert, John, Alexander, David, and Milton. The last three named went overland to California during the gold rush of 1849. Milton died. The other two returning after some years, married good women and raised families. Alexander Thompson in Washington County, Iowa, and David Thompson in Pa. Mother's borther John and sister Rebecca Sowash, were also in our vicinity. So we had a circle of relations.

My Mother's last illness in her eighty-fourth years was long with much suffering. In speaking of the twenty-third psalm, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," she said "I'm leaning heavily upon that staff." Also she said: "When I get to the Heavenly home, the first thing I want to do is to fall down at Jesus' feet."

Father lived ten years longer, dying at 94 years. His personality was kind and happy heated. Always enjoying the grandchildren and their games. Taking an interest in all the events of the household. Keeping abreast of the times politically. A strong prohibitionist, but saying little about it.

I see him sitting in his chair singing the hymns that never grow old, in a voice that did not falter. One favorite being "How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord." All this shows that he was ready for the call, so he quietly slipped through THE GATES BEAUTIFUL, to be forever with the Lord.

I have told you much, perhaps more than I need have done of this David Pratt and Catherine McConaughy and their family. They were not remarkable, nor perfect. Many were their sins of omission, and commission. They lived under primitive conditions, but you will see that they had ideals and standards which they tried to impart to their children.

I may be like the Irish woman who said: "She never was known to sit down in her own house and tell a bad tale on herself," but you younger people are the proof, that this family who are part of the background of your lives were worth while people. For largely, you have taken advantage of the progress of the world, educationally, and in the business world, and in the standards of living. You have kept the "Traditions of the Elders" in all things good and true. I only wish each one of you from the oldest grandchild to the youngest and most remotely connected with this Father and Mother McConnaughey, could feel that I am saying this to you, that you are the proof positive. That they made the world better. For "if we live, we live in those who follow us."

I am glad to tell you that the name of David is still being kept. The Davids have been as follows: David, the first, who died in the War of 1812, his son, David Pratt, the second, my Father, his son, Dr. David, my brother, the Third, Harry David, fourth, David Allen Makepeace, the fifth, (son of Hawlow McConnaughey, John's son, who was National Y.M.C.A. worker, during the World War) and David Ralph the sixth (son of Samuel's son, Addison McConnaughey of Rogers, Ark.)

Much water has run under the bridge since those early days here related. You are new generations. Your lives having each their own problems, just as serious as theirs. There are the same laws of justice, mercy, and peace to follow.

A few more days or years for me, and the life chapter of this David Pratt McConnaughey family will be closed. So, I will say good bye, with these lines of John Oxenham.

Fold up the tent! The sun is in the West.  
Tomorrow my untented soul will range among the blest.  
And I am well content,  
For what is sent, is sent. And God knows best.  
Fold up the tent. Its slack ropes all undone,  
Its pole all broken, and its cover rent,  
Its work is done.  
But mine --tho' spiled and spent  
Mine earthly tenement --  
Is but begun.

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P. S. to 'The McConnaughey Family': Recently we received a copy of a page from what appears to be a typed manuscript, p. #24 regarding Catharine Thomson, dau. of Captain Alexander & Rebecca (Smith) Thomson b. June 10, 1805, on her father's farm in Pulaski Twp., Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Pa. d. Oct. 4, 1888, at her home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa. Is buried beside her husband in the family lot in the 'Old Cemetary', Washington, Iowa.

m. David Pratt McConnaughey, on Sept. 29, 1830, at Mt. Jackson, Mercer Co., Pa., son of David & Margaret (Davidson) McConnaughey of Beaver Co., Pa., b. Nov. 14, 1805 on his father's farm in Irwin Twp., Venango Co., Pa. d. Jan. 9, 1900, at his home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Ia., is buried in the 'Old Cemetary', Washington, Iowa.

Her husband had learned the hatters' trade & was in partner ship with Robert Tate in Mt. Jackson, Pa., at the time of their marriage. In 1832 they moved to New Bedford, Pa., where he went into business for himself, his wife finishing the hats with linings, bands, & bindings. In 1850 he sold his business because factories were taking over hat making & went to farming. In 1855 they moved to a farm in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, where they remained. They had 9 children:

1. Emily Jane, b. Dec. 28, 1831, Mt. Jackson, Pa.
2. Rebecca, b. July 1, 1833, New Bedford, Pa.
3. Alexander James, b. June 28, 1835, New Bedford, Pa.
4. David Smith, b. July 8, 1837, in " " "
5. Margaret Isabell, b. Sept. 5, 1839 " " "
6. John Thomson, b. Feb. 8, 1842, in " " "
7. William Nesbit, b. Nov. 8, 1843 " " "
8. Samuel Davidson, b. Dec. 18, 1846 " " "
9. Elizabeth Elen, b. April 13, 1849 " " "

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"FAMILIES OF BALLYRASHANE  
NORTH IRELAND"

by Mullen

Ten years ago, Francis Bounds sent some excerpts from the above book. Although much of it is not strictly McConaghy, some is of such interest about the times, that I have included it also. Reid is also a Clan Robertson (Donnachaigh) name.

p. 38... "Very little has been remembered about the Cloyfin Reids, but fortunately there is considerable documentary evidence, much of which has been preserved by the Huston family who occupied the Reid house at Cloyfin for around eight years. One of the Reids, John, joined the police service in Dublin, and amassed considerable property there. He married in middle life, at the age of 44, Sarah Rankin of Park, one of the witnesses at the wedding being William Reid. The register describes him as John Reid, Clerk in Constabulary, Dublin, son of Daniel Reid, farmer.

"Some 25 years later, John Reid was responsible for the building of a new house at Cloyfin corner, on the Reid farm. The house was begun in the spring of 1871, and finished around a year later. The receipts for most of the work have been preserved. The names of the various firms concerned may be of some interest:

- Hugh and Thomas Bellas,
- D. Christie,
- James Gilmour Jun. (ironmongery and hardware),
- John Crawford (nails and hooks),
- R. & J. Hutchison, Portrush, plasterers,
- James McGrotty, painter, and
- James Craig, Coleraine, window sills etc.

"The bricks were supplied by John Getty of Carhall Brick and Tile works, 500 bricks costing thirteen shillings. The carpenter was Daniel Martin who charged 3/8 per day for his own time, 3/- per day for his man Sam, and 1/6 per day for the apprentice. The result was a house which was much beyond the local standards of the time, and was complete with water-closet, an amenity lacking almost everywhere. The bills were all paid by John Reid, and the total cost of the house was given as 660 lb., a very large sum for a farm-house in those days."

p. 39..... "The building of the house was not without its lighter side, at any rate to us. A letter from the supplier of the range reads as follows:

'Dear Sir,  
We understand that you are dissatisfied about the kitchen range sent you. We ordered this range expressly for ourselves last summer, it was for our house opposite the harbour in Portrush. When it arrived we had it set and found that the chimney would not draw one particle of smoke, we were obliged to have it taken out before it was well heated, and reset an old close range.

'It was much against our wills that we did this as we would have preferred an open one, and as we had ordered it one of the heaviest and best we could get, it did not lose one ounce of wear and tear all the time it was set up, however if you don't like to keep it we will gladly take it back from you and get you another if you wish, or if you think we should do so we will make you an abatement on it.

We are, Dear Sir,  
Yours Truly,'

The accounts show that the range was returned!

years has elapsed with no heirs appearing apparently, the decree is ordered recorded that all claim to these lands be forever barred" by the Court. Note on this family history, family completely gone in the second generation. In Philadelphia searching for something on this in old Genealogical records that might be found there, In the records of the Brandywine Manor Presbyterian church Yard, the following graves are found which refer to the family given hereto: Robert McConnaughey died April 7th 1776, aged 76 years. (Born ca 1700, could NOT be son of Robert, b. 1691. PMG); Jennett McConnaughey died December 9th, 1780, aged 76 years; James McConnaughey died December 14th 1779, aged 38 years 6 months.

Gilbert Cope, early Chester County Genealogist who was collecting early county records from the late 1870's to shortly after 1914 (circa) dates approximate says this from some correspondent or some other data referring to these burials. "Tombstones were erected by John Elliott according to provisions of the will of Jennet McConnaughey, she was a Graham.

Elizabeth McConnaughey widow of James McConnaughey married James Elliott and they for 125 lbs. gold and silver release right of dower of Elizabeth to James Moore, May 1, 1783, Vol. 2 Book K page 146.

There is the Administration of one Robert McConnaghy of West Natmeal Dec. 27th 1800, letters issued to James J. Wilcox. Sureties Joshua Fisher and John Graver. Nothing appears on this estate in any Orphan's Court or in the short time before Court House closed in any deeds, but careful search was made.

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Now the family of the David McConnaghy of Honeybrook township (see page 1 and 2 this report) study of the formation of these townships show that West Nantmeal and a part of Honeybrook townships lie next to Berks County. A small part of Honeybrook lies next to Lancaster Co. Brandywine and Wallace were evidently part of the original West Nantmeal twp. and lies west of it and Honeybrook. West Caln (originally Caln) also lies next to Lancaster County. These are important to show the lines of travel made by these early families going westward. Berks was cut from Philadelphia March 11th 1752. The following Orphan's Court has to do with the heirs of the David McConnaghy shown above, Docket 10 page 184. At an Orphan's Court held on the 18th day of March A. D. 1800 came John McConahy, eldest son of David McConahy, deceased 17th day of September A. D. 1786, residence in Honeybrook Township. John McConahy said that his late father left to survive him 9 children, viz.: John, the petitioner, Robert, James, Jane, David, Elizabeth, Sarah, William, Elinor and that said intestate David McConahy was possessed at his death of 96 acres of land, asks distribution.

Later, in Philadelphia Genealogical Society seeking records, I found this bit among the Cope records, saying Robert McConnaghy's wife was a Graham.

David McConahy married Elinor Graham, daughter of Arthur Graham, Nantmeal Township, and had children (says Cope) John, Robert, Jane (Born prior to 1774), James, David, Elizabeth, Sarah, William, and Elinor (as we found from Orphan's Court records in Chester County). Cope does not say where he got the 'prior to 1774 date' but the death date of David (and Orphan's Court does not in that year 1786 show that any of the children were minors. LEF.) This James looks somewhat plausible for the James of the Cumberland Deed who must have been a very young man then, but then Cope produces some baptisms that are equally tantalizing (From baptisms from Immanuel Church, New Castle, must be Delaware.)

James son of James & Cicily McConaghee was baptized 3rd day of June A. D. 1759, aged 3 months 9 days; David, son of James and Cecily McConally July 31st 1763 aged 6 wks. 4 days; Mary, daughter of James & Cicily McConolly, December 19th 1865 aged 2 mos. 2 days; John, son of James and Cicily McConagee September 5th, 1761 aged 10 months 28 days. (This David's calculated birthdate coincides precisely with that of David, progenitor of the Indiana McConaughay line. Many of the other "hh" lines may stem from his brothers. PMG)

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#### FAMILY OF DAVID GRIMES McCONNAUGHEY

One of the first lines besides William McConnaughey and Samuel McConaughy to come to my attention was that of David McConnaughey and Jane Platt. This line did (and still does) run to many males; so we seem to have an unending supply of new material! Seventeen or eighteen years ago James Parker McConnaughey, of Kettering, OH sent three yellowed sheets of family data that he found among his father's (Clyde Kneisly) papers after C. K. moved to a nursing home.

David Grimes McConnaughey was the son of James McConnaughey, born ca 1819, d. in the Civil War, m. Dinah \_\_\_\_\_; James (b. 1819) was the son of David McConnaughey, b. 1779 in PA who married Anna Grimes and moved to OH; David (b. 1779) was the son of James McConnaughey who was born in Ireland, married Isabella McConnell Moore, widow of Harvey Moore; James was the son of David McConnaughey b. ca 1725 in Ireland, married Jane Platt. Following is the information as given in Clyde's papers:

David Grimes McConnaughey - Born (Taylorsville, Montgomery Co., Ohio)  
August 18, 1848  
Died (Troy, Ohio) Dec. 4, 1916

#### Married to

Laura Alice Kniesly - November 10, 1877  
Born - March 10, 1850  
Died - Feb. 3, 1893

#### Also Married to

Flora Coombs - February 22, 1900  
Born - February 28, 1855  
Died - October (1), 1927

#### Children - Issue of First Marriage

Clyde Kneisly McConnaughey - Born Sept. 25, 1878  
Married - Mary Louise Murphy, October 15, 1902  
Born - September 19, 1876

#### Children

David Murphy - Born - July 28, 1903  
Died - Apr. 23, 1926

Laura Elizabeth - Born - July 9, 1905

Married - John Adams Pfanner - Jan. ?, 1929

#### Children

David Eugene - Born - Oct. 16, 1929

Harriet Anne - Born - June 6, 1931

James Parker - Born - April 25, 1908

Married - Suzanne Rike - Oct. 28, 1931

Flora Margaret - Born - June 5, 1911

Died - July 2, 1924

Martha Louise - Born - Dec. 15, 1912

Robert Stanley - Born - May 1, 1915

Sarah Jane - Born - March 12, 1917

Myrta Belle - Born - March 14, 1880

James Morris - Born - May 25, 1889

Married - Josephine Elizabeth Gray, Aug. 4, 1917

Born - April 26, 1895

#### Children

Mary Alice - Born (Richmond, VA.) June 8, 1920

Kathryn Elizabeth - Born (Richmond, Va.) Jan. 2, 1922.

Robert Gray - Born (Troy, O.) Jan. 28, 1923

John Norton - Born (Troy, O.) Dec. 9, 1924

Jean Louise - Born (Grandville, Mich.) Aug. 17, 1926

David Walter - Born (Wyoming Park, Mich.) Oct. 27, 1927

James Edward - Born (Wyoming Park, Mich.) Feb. 13, 1929

The next two pages of information contain data about the uncle of David Grimes McConnaughey, brother of David's father James --

FAMILY OF JOHN CAMPBELL McCONNAUGHEY

John Campbell McConnaughey - Born July 3, 1823  
Died Dec. 25, 1896

Married to

Elizabeth Keplinger (date ?) Born September 11, 1833  
Died February 14, 1915

CHILDREN

Harriet Rozelia - Born January 11, 1853  
Died January 12, 1926  
Married - Ezra Bond (date ?)

Mary Alice - Born December 25, 1854  
Married - John Oscar Brown (Died March 23, 1932)  
Children  
Oscar Lorenze Brown - Born Aug. 28, 1881  
Died Oct. 26, 1911

Phila Arene - Born June 5, 1856  
Married - William Henry Mann (Deceased 1899)

William Kneisly - Born March 8, 1858  
Died Feb. 8, 1859

John Walter - Born April 18, 1860  
Married - Bessie Hetherington

David Franklin - Born May 26, 1862  
Married - Anna Roth (deceased (?) 1930)

Berton Keplinger - Born April 24, 1864  
Married ( ? )  
Children

Kathleen Elizabeth - Born Jan. 1, 1898  
Married Herman Gutwein - Sept. 1, 1922  
Kenneth

Christian Knisely - Born June 16, 1866  
Married - Mary Garver Taylor

Children  
Ruth Elizabeth - Born April 24, 1905  
Died April 26, 1905  
Marjorie Rowena - Born June 27, 1906  
John C. - Born Jan. 7, 1910  
Mary Louise - Born July 29, 1911  
Horace Taylor - Born May 19, 1915

Lillie Elizabeth - Born August 2, 1868  
Married Albert B. Waggoner

Anna Belle - Born January 16, 1871

Edward Lorenzo - Born Nov. 9, 1872  
Married Mary Mussleman (Deceased ? )

Viola May - Born January 23, 1873  
Married Samuel A. Spindler  
Children

Margaret E. - Born ? 1907  
Married Walter Siegfried  
Children  
Margarette Jeanne - Born July 1, 1931  
Donald M. - Born March 17, 1912  
Lillian (stillborn)

Laura Olive - Born January 15, 1877  
Died August 7, 1877

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interesting result:

Only this very emphatic notation was found as follows under date of 22nd November 1776. "To all whom it may concern. This is to certify that my husband Robert McConnaghy late of Springtown Manor, Chester County died intestate without will and I am determined not to take any part in the Administration of his estate, therefore request it may be granted to my son James McConnaughey. Witness my hand Signed Jeannett McConnaughey (made mark). Witnesses signing were James Graham and Mary Graham. Only two other papers, one Bond and sureties and other on inventory (person estate presumed) 209 lbs. 15 shillings 7 pence.

Will of James McConnaughey, West Nantmeal township -- letters issued August 30th 1780 to Daniel Griffith and Michael Graham. Will Book 6 page 420; Estate Number 3271 account tiled July 6th 1789 and 1792. Will reads (in abstract thus) "In the name of God Amen! This 8th day of December A. D. 1779' makes following bequests 1st to Beloved friend John Elliott 1000 pounds; to housekeeper Hannah Sharp 1500 pounds; to two servants viz. James Stuart and Jacob Long each 500 pounds; \*To Beloved wife Elizabeth -- 1000 pounds and the use of part of my plantation during her widowhood'. Appoints 'Beloved Mother sole heir of the remainder of the plantation for her life and at her death it shall be disposed of according to her wishes says 'to dispose of as she sees fit.' Appoints as Executors Beloved friend or friends Dan Griffith, Esquire and Michael Graham, Jr. and John Elliott. (Latter is not shown in letters granted). Signed James McConnaughey (Signed as "J" McConnaughey). Witnesses: William McLean, Alexander McLean (he signed before William), Jesses Brode (?), John Elliott. (\*Also "To Mary Keehan and Frederick Fye each 500 pounds." PMG)

Following closely upon the death of James McConnaughey was that of his mother Jennet McConnaughey of West Nantmeal township. Chester County. Letters testamentary upon whose estate were issued December \_\_\_\_\_, 1780 to James Moore and Daniel Griffith. Will Book 6, page 413, Estate Number 3287 "In the name of God Amen! I Jennet McConnaughey of West Nantmeal township, Chester County being weak of body but of sound mind on the 8th day of December A. D. 1780,"made will. "Greetings to Rachel my son James' daughter" makes bequests of 'Grist mill, dwelling house now leased to Phillip Herp, 30 acres of land nearest and adjoining Mill, water from race, all pewter, black mare and saddle, case of drawers, bed, and bed clothes "" her freedom to be purchased by John Elliott at her expense" she to be under the care of my niece Mary Darlington to time of maturity. To Mary Darlington my niece the plantation where I live for life and at her death to be at her disposal. "To every one of my brother's daughters now living 500 pounds, Arthur's daughter Margaret in Carolina only excepted." To James Anderson's daughter Margaret 500 lbs. Robert Elliott 500 pounds to be in hands of his brother John Elliott and give to him (Robert) at his need. My brother James Graham 1000 pounds, his wife Mary at his death. Nephew Samuel Graham, 1000 pounds, and his brother James Graham 1000 pounds continental money. To Isaac Anderson 400 pounds. Brother Jared's son James Graham 5 shillings, made mark. Witnesses: James Sterrett, Samuel Byers swear they heard Jennett sign will.

Continuing this family I found the only other reference in the period concerning it. Orphan's Court Docket 8 page 72 under date of the 19th day of June 1781, the Court heard the petition of Joseph Darlington and John Gardner esquire, appointed by Court as Guardian of Rachel McConogy an infant under the age of 14 years, the illegitimate child of James McConaghy, late of West Nantmeal township, deceased. (This child perhaps indentured and under contract until age 18. LEF) As a final Court document bearing on this seemingly (to me) tragic family affair, the following Orphan's Court bearing date 150 years later we find the following: James McConnaghy (written in) 1779 -- then Docket 56 page 245-246, land lying in Brandywine and Wallace townships (evidently out from once earlier confines of old West Nantmeal township) under date of February A. D. 1931. Petition for the release of old legacies made by petitioners Ellis Baker and who shows that two tracts lying in Brandywine and Wallace townships were made in will of one James McCinnaghy deceased Dec. 8th 1779, Will Book 8, page 420, legacies were made as follows: John Elliott 1000 pounds, Hannah Sharp 1000 pounds (will showed 1500 pounds. LEF), James Stuart 500 pounds, Jacob Long 500 pounds, Mary Keenan 500 pounds, Frederick Fye 500 pounds, Wife Elizabeth 1000 pounds; Petitioners say that these persons are 'unknown to them and as the legacies were given and as 21

One David McConaghey in same twp taxes with 2 horses, 2 cows, 5 sheep above reference page 47 in year 1765 when on page 45 same year, etc. Robert McConaher (names so mutilated in spelling) with 600 acres, 5 horses, 9 cows, 7 sheep, 4 servants.

In 1769 West Nantmeal twp Chester County the name is spelled Robert McConoughly, taxes with 1000 acres, 6 horses, 6 cows, 20 sheep, one servant. David does not appear in this year's taxables. Above volume and reference page 608.

However in 1766 David McConehee, West Nantmeal township was a taxable as a young man and 'an inmate' probably already married but with small personal taxables not listed. Pa. Archives Volume 11, page 175.

Page 392 in year 1781 shows David McConeaughy taxes with 100 acres, 2 horses, 8 cows, one servant.

The first notice of a McConaughy dying (Alphabetically) is that of one David McConahy of Honeybrook township, Chester County, letters of Administration were issued on his estate Nov. 14th 1796 to James Green and John McConaghy. The bond of sureties were Gilbert Gibbs and William Morris, posted were but for the amount of 300 pounds (usually twice the amount of the appraised estate). As an Administration shows no heirs, I went into the original account files to see if any heirs were to be found. The account was posted Dec. 1st and again Dec. 15th 1801. The number of the account was 4541.

Going into the basement where these old accounts are kept I found three papers -- none of which showed heirs being only the formal notice of Administrators appointed, and some brief notice of appraisal, etc. Nothing more was to be found, nor did I find any Deeds for this estate in the brief time that I had at end of day (See, however, my findings in Philadelphia Genealogical Society on this man's family. LEF)

Elnor McConahy of Honeybrook were issued Nov. 17th 1795 to David McConahy and again the bond posted by sureties was 300 pounds. The sureties were Roger North and Ephraim Allen. Seeking in the original files No. 4485 I found no heirs listed and only one paper being the bond as secured. This was the wife of David McConahy.

Elnor McConahy of Honeybrook township Chester is shown with an Administration letters issued August 25th 1797, letters to John McConahy, with sureties, letters ABN Number of Administration account 4593. Sureties W. Montgomery & John Boyd.

The only paper found was one with nothing but routine granting of letters. The ABN suggest that a will may have been found but if found it was not among the papers referring to the estate. Again there may have been two Elnor McConagys but this is doubtful. Note on above, in earlier days of Pennsylvania Court Houses it was the privilege of a lawyer to take the will out of the file for estate settlement. However, in far too many cases such wills were not returned, although the intent to return may have been good. An old lawyer's office usually was a mass of 'undigested material' and modern Court Houses have far different systems. LEF.

We now come (not in alphabetical order of estate settlement, but because there is a story here) to the will of the early and very rich Robert McConaghy -- whose finding in Chester county made me especially eager to run down his estate. It seemed to me that he could so well have been the father of the Robert of West Nantmeal Twp. who came to Cumberland and later was in Mifflin County (cut off from Cumberland in 1789). (Mrs. Flower's memory slipped a bit here, it was JAMES McC. who went to Cumerland and Mifflin, not Robert. PMG)

Robert McConaughy, West Nantmeal township, Chester County had letters issued on his estate January 14th, 1777 to James McConaguhy. It was an Administration, no will despite his great wealth. The sureties were Elisha Price and William Kerlin. The number of this estate was 3031.

However, in all cases where there is an Administration I run down every sort of legal adjudication of the estate before going into the original papers of the estate. The amount of the bond was 2000 pounds, a huge sum for the day. But there was nothing found in any way, so original sources in old file were looked into with this

#### FOOTNOTE:

Re: Family of Clyde Kneisly McConaughy --

Clyde Kneisly McConaughy died at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Home, Monroe, Ohio on 4 May 1963. He formerly had resided at 1221 Runnymede Road, Oakwood, Ohio. He was a graduate of Otterbein College. He sought the Republican nomination for State Representative in 1950 and 1952. He was a member of Grace Methodist Church. His survivors included James P. McConaughy, Kettering, Dayton, OH; Robert S. of Hollywood, Florida; Mrs. Martha Porter, New York City; Mrs. Arnold Gross, Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Cleon O. Swayzee, New York City; Sister Myrta McConaughy, Los Angeles, California; Brother Morris McConaughy of Kalamazoo, Michigan; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Your editor's 'Footnote' is really plural, as I go over the names I remember past 'meetings' or near-meetings or incidents and think they might be of some interest here.

We have quite a file on James P. McConaughy of Kettering, yet I think I had only one, possibly two, notes from him; so the file built-up from news clippings sent by others.

Several years ago Robert Gros of California wrote to me regarding the Society. He had been to Taiwan and talked with Ambassador Walter Patrick McConaughy who had given Mr. Gros our address. After some questioning, few answers, some digging -- I finally turned up the connection. I believe that (by the process of elimination) Mrs. Gros, Robert's mother, was Flora Margaret, daughter of Clyde K. McConaughy.

Shortly after James Parker sent the genealogical information, his sister, (Sarah) Jane Swayzee wrote a short note. She reminded me that WE had met in Oxford, IN in the late 1930's!

Thelma Cooper met Clyde when he was still active and can tell delightful stories that he passed along to her.

It's too bad, though, we have not currently ANY members from these branches, yet they were active for years in preserving the data for us to pass along to others. Let's hope we can 're-capture' some of these people to share with us again and bring these lines up-to-date.

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#### Vice-Presidents' Reports

NORTHERN V.P. Dr. Will McConahy: Contacted many in his area and was contacted by new people, who he followed up and then turned over to the Secretary for further follow-up.

EASTERN V.P. Dr. Jack McConahy: Contacted many people in his area and 'enlisted' some new members; collected names and addresses from areas outside his own which were sent to the secretary and dispensed to the proper V. P. for follow-up, resulted in one or more new and active members.

SOUTHERN V.P. Betty Matthews: Sent a personal letter to each of the people in her area (from our master list), creating more interest, and, although we can't document it as well as we would like, feel sure that some new members came from this effort.

WESTERN V.P. Andi Cranmer: "All 230 people on the list you gave me last August were sent a mailer. In the letter I asked for volunteers for state chairmen. I have made up a list of all 230 names by state (Calif. has 3 divisions). The state Chairmen would contact the people in their state and then contact me in turn if they had any questions or wanted to pass information on."

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CENTERVILLE, IN MC CONAHA REUNION

June 8, 1979 was a day of great rejoicing for the Centerville, IN descendants of Samuel McConaha and Nancy Batson when George and Jackie (Hatfield) McConaha flew from Arizona with SEVEN of their family (including three of their four children) and got together with George's two sisters, Jerry McConaha Craig and Carroll McConaha Rhodes at Westcott Place Farm, where all three were born. With in-laws, grandchildren, your editor and her husband, and cousin Inezetta Stiver (Eliason Genealogist) there were very close to thirty to eat and share experiences and get to know one another.

It was a GOOD-LOOKING bunch! George, Jerry, and your editor were all at Purdue at the same time and Jerry and I were sorority sisters at Alpha Chi Omega. Except for a short visit last fall, it was the first time we had seen each other since graduation over 30 years ago.

It 'spit' rain going and coming, but was clear and not too hot all during the Gathering. About eleven youngsters, from 6-7 weeks to no more than 10 years, kept things lively, but they didn't incur any major accidents or incidents.

Westcott Place Farm on the outskirts of Historic Centerville which is on the National Preservation Register and full of historic homes, right on Route 40, the old National Road, near Richmond, IN and the Ohio border. It is estimated that 1986 will be the centennial year for the house, a lovely old brick structure with all kinds of nooks and crannies, porches, bays, etc. The brick horse barn is even older and features an arched door. The home came into the family about 60 years ago, I believe, and is now the home of Carroll McConaha and Joel Danzler Rhodes, as well as the main office for "The Crusader", Centerville's weekly newspaper.

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August 18, 1979 marked the annual reunion of the descendants of Alonzo McConaughay and Clara Dooley at the Heritage Lake home of Thomas & Gleeda McConahay. It was a genuine and long looked forward to pleasure to meet Mary Agnes McConahay, only daughter and last surviving child of Alonzo and Clara.

We took a chart to finally explain the two great-grandfathers named David McConaughay and the only way to explain it properly any time is by chart! (See chart that follows). Cecil McConahay, attorney & early Society booster, used to tell he he had two great-grandfathers named David McConaughay and his grand-parents were first cousins. I said it couldn't be; but he insisted. Time finally solved the problem and, as you can see, they were first cousins once removed, both children of a David McConaughay! Just as close marriages in a family that has problems (like allergies!) can increase the problems; close marriages in families of good stock (like these) can enhance the strength.

At long last we were able to add more data to our records for this family and re-discover the pleasure of meeting with McConaughays again, never as strangers! I took a small 'memory' book with some of the special information about the older generations. Sister Margaret sent some touched relics of Mother Seton plus literature, which we felt would be of interest as most of this family has been Catholic since Clara Dooley came into the family.

The food was spectacular as always at such events and the weather was 'considerate' -- rained in the morning and night, but held off during the afternoon; so the children enjoyed boating, water-skiing, etc. and a traditional game of 'racket ball' -- soft-ball with a tennis racket instead of a bat!

Loved every minute of it and look forward to seeing more of these McConaughays!

PA 23rd day of April A. D. 1805 Patrick Davidson, Sr. and Martha, his wife of Venango County, PA sell to James Peebles, Fannettsburg, Acknowledged in Crawford County, PA. Note: Venango county was formed March 12th 1800 from parts of Allegheny and Lycoming counties and Crawford was formed the same day from Allegheny. LEF.

Two deeds both dated Feb. 17th 1800 and both recorded August 6th 1807, recorded Book 7 pages 1 and 2 ..... details missing PMG

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As noted earlier, Mrs. Flowers' work in the 1960's was directed to be broader, therefore we think you will enjoy the more detailed 1963 report of Chester Co., PA, although there is some repetition:

**INTRODUCTION:** McConaughay Family search in Pennsylvania; Chester County at West Chester, all early records; Philadelphia, County (now embraced in its entirety in the city) roster of wills, no McConaughays found early; Research in old records and letters, notes etc. of the Cope Collection, made by a researcher of the latter part of the 19th Century Gilbert Cope, never as conclusive as one might wish, he does not go in for wills etc. but for records he can obtain in various places, other than Court Houses. LEF. Research made by Lenore E. Flower (Mrs. Guiles Flower) Carlisle, Pennsylvania 1963 --

Deed Robert McConnache from John Potter Ux dated 15th April 1761, Deed Book M page 250 John Culbertson Esquire one of the Majesties Justice of the Peace for Chester County deed says that John Potter and Ann, his wife, grantor of this deed, sell in the 7th March in the 1st year of the reign of George the Third, King of Great Britain, France, etc. Defender of the Faith (1761) said John Potter being of West Nantmeal township, Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, to Robert McConaughay. The land to Potter from Thomas and Richard Penn absolute Proprietaries of the land by James Hamilton. Lane lies in West Nantmeal township, Chester County, in extent being 205 acres subject to the yearly quit rent due to the Proprietaries, which is one half penny sterling for each acre. Now Potter conveys this land lying in Nantmeal township, Springton Manor. Signed; John P-tter; Witnesses: John Campbell & William Campbell.

Robert McConnacky from John Jack Ux, dated 19th day of April A. D. 1762. John Culbertson, one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for Chester County, came John Jack the grantor of deed and Jane his wife - showing that deed was made 5th August 1762 (must have been 1761) land in Springton Manor, conveyed by John Jack, Yeoman and Jane his wife 33 acres for sum of 75 pounds and 18 shillings. John Jack signs. Vol. 1 book M page 404; Witnesses: James Biddle, Richard Tea and Samuel McMichan.

Still another deed (no time to run down as it was nearly four o'clock closing time) land sold by Robert Elliott to Rober McConaughay 1768, Vol. Qpage 55..

However, the very earliest reference to this Robert McConaghy) is found in a land grant issued to him by the Proprietaries, sons of William Penn, 250 acres, land in Chester County, January 5th 1733. Reference Third Series Pennsylvania Archives, Volume 24 page 86.. And again, same reference page 89, Robert McConaghy, 200 acres, May 25th 1748.

I can give you many references showing him owning land in Chester County for many acres under different spellings of the name but unless you want them specifically I shall not add them here, all turned up in my search for you.

(Let's not neglect the possibility that this Robert is the third, hitherto 'missing' son of Robert McConaughay (b. 1691) and Eliz. Dinsmore of the Gettysburg line. 1733 is just about exactly when Robert b. 1691 and his other two sons came to PA from County Tyrone, No. Ireland.PMG)

In the year 1767 Robert McConaughay was taxed at West Nantmeal twp. Chester County with 800 acres, 5 horses, 6 cows, 13 sheep and 4 servants. Pa. Archives Vol. 11, page 337.

document is in our possession and it is the document which also leaves 500 pounds to Fredrich Fye (Foy, Frey), among others. See "Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave" elsewhere in this Bulletin. PMG).

Will of Janet McConaughy-- Will Book 6 page 413, West Nantmeal township, dated 8th Dec. 1780, recorded December 1780. Rachel, daughter of son James, legacy given under care of testatrix's niece, Mary Darlington. No legacy is to be given Arthur's daughter in Carolina (rather, will says she leaves no legacy to Arthur's daughter in Carolina. LEF). (Janet is widow of Robert McConaughy, mother of James of the previous will. Rachel is described in the original document as illegitimate daughter of my son James. Janet arranges to have her freedom purchased and leaves her a sizeable legacy. PMG) Bequest to daughter of James Anderson, named Margaret. To Brother James Graham's wife, Mary; Nephew James Graham.

Administrator of Eloner McConoughy, Honeybrook twp., Chester Co., PA dated 1795, letters issued to David McConoughy, no final account given nor any other source of estate settlement found.

In 1797 August 25th letters on estate Eleanor McConoughy were issued to one John McConoughy. Eleanor McConoughy was from Honeybrook township, Chester County, PA. No final account is shown for this estate. It is probable that the two Eleanor McConoghys, both of Honeybrook, and letters issued in a period of two years were of the same person. LEF.

Note: These notes on McConoghys from Chester were taken at random some years ago as they 'possped up' at me from a will book - while looking for something else I think. Usually as I find a local name in other counties, I take a note of the document if I have time - not always possible - but saved anyway and now I send it to you. LEF

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McConoughy Records as found in Franklin County, Pennsylvania (Franklin cut from Cumberland in 1784).

David McConoughy from George Lucas Feb. 8th 1803 book 5 page 492 George Lucas of Fannett township, sells for \$ 10.00 paid by David McConoughy 25 acres and improvements warrant and survey to Lucas 28th May A. D. 1787; Witnesses: John Anderson and Alexander Matthews.

James McConoughey from Daniel Henderson, Deed Book 7 page 1 Daniel Henderson of Shippensburg, Surveyor, for 100 pounds paid by James McConoughy of Fannett township, sells land in Fannett, bounded on the north west by the Conodoquinet Creek and on North West by other lands of Daniel Henderson, Warrant to Henderson 17th October 1787. Witnesses: John Henderson and Matthew Henderson, Jr.

David McConoughy, to John Skinner dated Aug. 1st 1797 Book 4 page 185 recorded 1 Aug. 1797. David McConoughy, Jun., of Franklin County of the one part and John Skinner, of the same place for 45 pounds sells to John Skinner land in Metal township, Franklin County, PA 86 acres 105 perches surveyed on warrant issued to David McConoughy March 1793, bounded by Kitatinny mountains. Signed David McConoughy; Witnesses: William Martin & R. Childerstone.

Deed -- David McConoughy to William M. Brown, Deed Book 5, page 491 (?) no locality for land given. David McConoughy of Franklin County and Jane his wife, of the one part sell to William M. Brown for 1000 pounds land where David Mcconoughy now lived -- land warranted in two surveys contains 'about 200 acres'. Recorded Feb. 5th 1803, Signed David McConoughy & Jane McConoughy (made mark); Witnesses: John Kyle & Jane McConoughy (??PMG).

Deed David McConoughy to Patrick Davidson, Sr, recorded April 11th 1806 land sold in Fannett township, Fannettburg, Deed Book 7, page 166. David McConoughy of Irvine township, Venango County, PA 'with the consent of Margaret his wife' sells a lot of ground numbered in the general plan of the town as No. 64 for 100 pounds, to Patrick Davidson, Sr. of the same place. Signed David McConaughy and Margaret McConaughy; Witnesses: John McLaren & Archibald Davidson. After this deed is shown the following notation: "Venango County,

We have good reason to believe that this is the known start of this line; but 'proof-positive' is not yet in our possession:

THE MC CONNAUGHAY FAMILY

JAMES MC CONNAGHEE & CICELY

R. ca 1735?, m. before 1759

[Baptisms (Op) from Immanuel Church Records, New Castle, DE]

Spelling as in the records, probably as the name 'sounded' to the writer!

[Note: There could be children younger &/or older; these were the only ones on the church records.]

Mary McConoly bp 19 Dec 1765 age 2 mos. 2 days

David McConoly bp 19 Dec 1763 age 6 wks., 4 days

John McConagee bp 5 Sept. 1761 age 10 mos. 28 days

James McConnaghee bp 3 June 1759 age 3 mos. 9 days

David Married Martha Jane Ransom, b. 18 Apr. 1773; David died 6 Jan. 1827, buried in Bourbon Co., KY (?)

Infant Son Unnamed

John

David b. 16 Nov. 1808

Ransom b. 30 Nov. 1803 PA?

Nancy b. ca 1796?

Robert Ransom b. 1822

Moses B. b. 1817

David b. 1841

Benj. F. Mary R. b. 1845 b. 1847 m.Wm. d.1846

Thomas Moses Adair b. 1841 b. 1839 b. 1837 b. 1835 b. 1833 d.1848 d.2858

Horace b. 1836

Laura b. 1832

John Taylor b. 1847

Moses J. b. 1847

Rebecca b. 1841

Thomas Moses Adair b. 1841 b. 1839 b. 1837 b. 1835 b. 1833 d.1848 d.2858

John b. 1854-5

James b. 1836

James b. 1834

Mary b. 1840

Moses J. b. 1836

Mary L. b. 1847

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CENSUS REPORTS

Some of the research money for 1978-9 was invested in a computer search by Accelerated Systems, mostly involving the census records, and using McConnaughey and variant spellings. It was well-timed as the cost went up 50% before we got our reports back. Since there may be something for everyone here, I'm going to include all the information.

Name	City or Co.	State	Other*	Year
<u>McCONATHY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>McCONNICCO</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>MC CONNICO</u> & <u>SHORE</u>	PETERSBURG CO.	VA		1779
<u>MC CONNICO</u> , <u>ANDREW</u>	NORFOLK CO.	VA	909 00020-10110-09	1810
<u>MACONAGHY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>MC CONACHIE</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>MC CONAGHY</u> ,				
<u>DANIEL</u>	ROCKLAND CO.	NY	104 10010-00100-00	1800
<u>MC CONAHA</u>				
<u>DAVID</u>	VENANGO CO.	PA	595 00010-40010-00	1800
<u>DAVID</u>	BOURBON CO.	KY	98 21001-01011-00	1810
<u>JAMES</u>	FAUQUIER CO.	VA	255 21010-50110-02	1810
<u>JOHN</u>	BOURBON CO.	KY	98 11101-21201-00	1810
<u>JOHN</u>	BEDFORD CO.	VA	471 01201-10201-00	1810
<u>SAMUEL</u>	BEDFORD CO.	VA	471 20010-20010-00	1810
<u>SAMUEL</u>	FAUQUIER CO.	VA	255 20010-10010-01	1810
<u>MC CONAHAY</u>				
<u>DAVID</u>	MIFFLIN CO.	PA	051 Lewistown Borough	1810
<u>JAMES</u>	MIFFLIN CO.	PA	046 Derry Twp.	1810
<u>MC CONAHEY</u>				
<u>DAVID</u>	WASHINGTON CO.	PA	037 Mt. Pleasant	1810
<u>HUGH</u>	JEFFERSON CO.	OH	009 Warren Twp.	TX 1809
<u>JAMES</u>	WASHINGTON CO.	PA	061 Buffaloe Twp.	1810
<u>JOHN</u>	NEW CASTLE CO.	DE	CHRISTIANA HUNDRED	TX1809
<u>JOHN</u>	CUMBERLAND CO.	PA	067 Middleton Twp.	1810
<u>ROBERT</u>	CUMBERLAND CO.	PA	096 SOUTHAMPTON	1810
<u>SAMUEL</u>	WASHINGTON CO.	PA	060 Buffaloe	1810
<u>McCONAHIE</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING.			
<u>McCONAUGHEY</u>				
<u>DAVID</u>	YORK CO.	PA	284 MIXED TWPS.	1790
<u>HUGH</u>	CHESTER CO.	PA	127 Birmingham	1810
<u>ROBERT</u>	YORK CO.	PA	284 MIXED TWPS.	1790
<u>McCONAUGHY</u>				
<u>DAVID</u>	BEAVER CO.	PA	013 Little Beaver Twp	1810
<u>JAMES</u>	WESTMORELAND CO.	PA	107 Fairfield Twp.	1810
<u>JAMES</u>	CHESTER CO.	PA	073 W. Marlborough Twp	1790
<u>JAMES, JR.</u>	WESTMORELAND CO.	PA	107 Fairfield Twp	1810
<u>JOHN</u>	ADAMS CO.	PA	086 GETTYSBURG Twp.	1810
<u>JOHN</u>	FAYETTE CO.	PA	105 Franklin Twp.	1790
<u>SAMUEL</u>	PORTAGE CO.	OH	010 No Twp. Listed	TX1809
<u>SAMUEL</u>	YORK CO.	PA	284 Mixed Twps.	1790
<u>WILLIAM</u>	CUMBERLAND CO.	PA	079 Hopewell, Newton,	1790
<u>McCONNAUGHAY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
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<u>McCONNAUGHAY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>McCONAUGHEY</u>				
<u>Catharine</u>	WASHINGTON CO.	PA	090 W. Bethlehem	1810
<u>David</u>	WASHINGTON CO.	PA	072 Nottingham	1810
<u>David</u>	HAMPSHIRE CO.	MA	284 Blanford	1810
<u>Hannah</u>	WASHINGTON CO.	PA	072 Nottinghama	1810
<u>Patrick</u>	NEW CASTLE CO.	DE	271 St. Georges Hundred	1810
<u>McCONATHY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>McCONNAHA</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>MACONAGHY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			
<u>McCONACHIE</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING			

In the will of one John Finley -- Letterkenny Township, dated 1783 (in 1784 Letterkenny became part of new county of Franklin) a daughter Hannah McConnochee, is named -- name of husband not given. Will Book D, page 178, Cumberland County, PA.

The will of Joseph Armstrong dated 1811 -- Hamilton township Franklin County, married, no heirs named in will -- mentions a nephew then mentions many others without showing relationship -- perhaps all nephews and nieces (no proff) -- Mary McConaughy, daughter of Robert McConaughy deceased (says will) married to Jacob Easet.\* Will Book C page 19 - Franklin County, PA at Chambersburg. (\*Surely Jacob CASSATT who married Mary McConaughy of the Gettysburg line. PMG.)

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Vol. 1, Book E, page 450 - John Crawford Twp, Cumberland County (Perry after 1820) Tyboyne Twp) for 300 pounds paid by James McConoughey of West Nantmeal Twp. - Chester Co., PA. Iron Master sells land in Tyboyne (Teboine) bought from William Rosebrough 1772--sold to James McConoughey August 1778. Witnesses: Thomas Wallace and Hannah Keenan.

Deed Book P Volume 1 page 733 dated Dec. 3rd 1804 deed recorded Dec. 7th 1804--land in Hopewell township -- David McConaughy and Prudence his wife of Nottingham Twp, Washington County, PA of the one part and Joseph Culbertson of Green Township, Franklin county of the other part -- Whereas Andrew Thompson late of Hopewell Twp. died - siezed of land in said twp. and left his estate by will to six daughters viz.: Jean (who married a Culbertson, probably Joseph PMG), Elizabeth, Sarah, Prudence, Hannah, Rosanna, -- to grandson Andrew Wallace (Andrew is correctly Andrew WILSON, son of Andrew Thompson's eldest daughter, Mary Thompson and husband John Wilson; Mary dead by this time. This verified by copy of the document in our possession. PMG). The daughter Prudence (says deed) married David McConaughy and now by this instrument sells her one sixth part of land - a part of the estate of 260 acres and 57 perches for 140 pounds, paid her by Joseph Culbertson. Grandson Andrew Wilson to receive 20 pounds.

In Deed Book R Volume 1 page 97 - in deed dated Oct. 31st 1806 we find Robert McConoughey buying land from Fannie Miller - in an instrument listed a 'Bill of Sale', Deed says that land was granted Fannie Miller by her late Husband Christopher Miller he devising it to her by will, Recorded same day Oct. 31st 1806 (Fanny is spelling of name of Grantor). Witnesses Andrew Carothers and William C. Gibson.

Recently in searching for another client the Census records of 1820 (earliest there in Harrisburg) and 1830 in Beaver county -as they did not know the township to be searched I studied the entire county, and found Shenango Township, Beaver Co, PA in 1830 the following McConahu facts:

William McConahu, 1 male under age 5 years; 1 male under age 20, 1 Female between age 20 and 30.

Thomas McConahu, Males 1 age 15-20; 1 age 50-60; 1 age 30-40; Females 1 age 5-10; 1 age 15-20; 1 age 40-50.

Robert McConahu, Males 1 age 10-15; 1 age 30-40 Females 1 age 40-50

Beaver County was cut off from Allegheny and Washington counties March 12th 1800.

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Chester county - McConaughy, at West Chester. Will Book 6, page 420, Will of James McConaughy West Nantmeal Township, Chester Co., PA. Mentions friend John Elliott and Housekeeper Hannah Sharp. Two servants James Sharp and Jacob Long, 'Well beloved wife Elizabeth', 'Dear Mother' (no first name given), will dated 8th Dec. 1779 proven August 30th 1780. Witnesses David Griffith and Michael Graham, Jr. No children mentioned in will. (A copy of this

"GEMS"

We have many 'gems' thanks to the earlier work of Mrs. Guiles Flower in 1956 for Samuel Chalmers McConahey and in the early 1960's for Pat McConaughay Gregory. Her Washington County, PA report was published in installments in earlier Bulletins. This Bulletin will begin the publishing of her other reports, starting with the 1956 report.

McConoughy---Conogy--McConahey - Records complete as they appear in Cumberland County, Franklin County, Fragment from Chester, Fragment from Rowan County, North Carolina; Archive references to various Samuel McConoky-McConogoughy, etc. as found in Washington County, Pennsylvania; Research by Mrs. Guiles Flower, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1956. (This introduction exactly as written by Mrs. Flower. Keep in mind that in 1956 Uncle Mac was primarily seeking to trace his direct ancestor, Samuel McConaughy. Later reports by Mrs. Flower were broadened to include ALL McConaughay, etc. references in the search area.)

McConnaghy Records -

Marriage by the Rev. J. C. Bucher, Nov. ye 3rd 1786. (place not shown.) -- Georg McCanighel and Beggy (Peggy?) Kennedy. (Note on above - The Rev. Mr. Bucher was Chaplain for Gen. John Forbes on the expedition after Pontiac's Insurrection 1764 - and accompanied him to the fall of Duquesne. All along the way there - through Cumberland and through Franklin, etc. counties Mr. Bucher was in demand to perform marriage rites. The Kennedy name suggests that this may have been in the section now Franklin, since 1784. LEF.) Reference for above marriage - in Kelker's History of Dauphin County, Volume 2, page 682. List copied by Mr. Kelker for his publication in 1907 - from original in possession of Rev. Bucher's great granddaughter, Eliza Bucher Hummel of Harrisburg. LEF.

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Cumberland County, Pennsylvania McConaughy Records

Neither Wills nor Administrations of the McConaughy family to be found in this county. Neither do Orphans Court show any mention of them.

The following deeds are , however, to be found in Cumberland County, viz -

James McConaughy to Thomas Boyd - Instructions Deed Book BB page 19 dated June 28th 1809, recorded March 12th 1813. Made at Lewistown, Pennsylvania. James McConaughy presents his compliments to Thomas Boyd and tells him that Solomon Brower is to have possession of land and later is to have the right to buy it. The section in which land lies is not given, and the instructions are in the form of a letter written to Thomas Boyd, who either lived on the land or had legal charge of it for James McConaghy.

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In the earlier days of my research I had time to do what seems to me a most important piece of work -That is take the names of daughters from deeds and wills and names of the husbands to whom they were married, as named in document. Then I cross indexed these marriages and have an excellent series of three volumes showing these marriages. As Pennsylvania did not keep its marriages officially until the year 1886 and many old church records are lost or destroyed, this list is a very valuable aid to me and my clients. In it I find the following McConaghey marriages: LEF.

Cumberland County Deed Book CC page 394 -- Deed from David English heirs -- Juniata Twp. (he lived in Section since 1820 part of present Perry County). One of the heirs listed is daughter Rachel English married to James McConoughey of Lewistown - The date of will is 1817. (Lewtown - Mifflin Co. east from Cumberland 1789 - on westward trail.) Of course the marriage occurred much earlier (we do not know year) but we do get here the maiden name of the wife of James McConaughy.

<u>McCONAGHY</u> James	Chester Co.	PA 243	Sadsbury Twp.	1820
<u>McCONAHA</u> Anthony	Morgan Co.	OH 078	Bloom Twp.	1820
David	Wayne Co.	OH 160	Green Twp.	1820
John	Brown Co.	OH 379	Pleasant Twp.	1820
Samuel	Brown Co.	OH 383	Pleasant Twp.	1820
Samuel	Wayne Co.	OH 131	Jackson Twp.	1820
<u>McConahey</u> David	Mifflin Co.	PA 184	Wayne Twp.	1820
James	Mifflin Co.	PA 195	Derry Twp.	1820
Margaret	Mifflin Co.	PA 182	Wayne Twp.	1820
<u>McCONAHIE</u> <u>McCONATHY</u> , James	Gallatin Co.	...KY 191	No Twp. Listed	1830
<u>McCONAUGHY</u> John	Adams Co.	PA 002	Gettysburg Borough	1820
<u>McCONNAHA</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING		
<u>McCONNAUGHAY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING.		
<u>McCONNAUGHEY</u> James	Rowan Co.	NC 228	No Twp. Listed	1820
Samuel	Portage Co.	OH 026	Aurora	1820
<u>McCONNAUGHHAY</u> <u>McCONOUGHEY</u> David	Geauga Co.	OH 095	Bambridge	1820
Jarvis	Geauga Co.	OH 096	Bambridge	1820
<u>MACONAGHY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING		
<u>McCONACHIE</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING		
<u>McCONAGHY</u> Enoch	Chester Co.	PA 088	Sadsbury Twp.	1830
James	Chester Co.	PA 098	Sadsbury Twp.	1830
John	Washington Co.	PA 253	Mt. Pleasant Twp.	1830
John	Belmont Co.	OH 348	Somerset	1830
John	Belmont Co.	OH 348	Somerset	1830
<u>McCONAHA</u> John	Bedford Co.	VA 138	No Twp. Listed	1830
John	Wayne Co.	OH 048	Chester Twp.	1830
Robert	Westmoreland Co.	PA 161	Derry Twp	1830
Samuel	Bedford Co.	VA 179	No Twp. Listed	1830
<u>McCONAHAY</u> David	Wayne Co.	OH 093	Wooster	1830
James	Belmont Co.	OH 358	Union Twp.	1830
James	Belmont Co.	OH 358	Union Twp.	1830
John	Nicholas Co.	KY 125	No Twp. Listed	1820
Samuel	Wayne Co.	OH 134	Jackson Twp.	1830
Samuel, Jr.	Wayne Co.	IN 153	Center Twp	1830
<u>McCONAHEY</u> James	Harrison Co.	OH 194	Moorefield Twp.	1830
<u>McCONAHIE</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING		
<u>McCONATHY</u> Joseph	Laurens Co.	SC 205	Laurens District	1830
Samuel	Laurens Co.	SC 205	Laurens District	1830
<u>McCONAUGHEY</u> Andrew	Guernsey Co.	OH 481	Cambridge Twp.	1830
Daniel	Stark Co.	OH 193	Paris Twp.	1830
James	Indiana Co.	PA 179	Center Twp.	1830
<u>McCONAUGHY</u> Robert	Ohio Co.	VA 230	No Twp. Listed	1830
William L.	Brown Co.	OH 447	Pleasant Twp.	1830
William T.	Brown Co.	OH 441	Pleasant Twp.	1830
<u>McCONNAHA</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING.		
<u>McCONNAUGHAY</u>	NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER	THIS SPELLING.		
<u>McCONNAUGHEY</u> George	Rowan Co.	NC 389	No Twp. Listed	1830
James	Daviess Co.	IN 374	No Twp. Listed	1830
John	Rowan Co.	NC 389	No Twp. Listed	1830
Samuel	Clermont Co.	OH 192	Tate Twp.	1830
<u>McCONNAUGHHAY</u> <u>McCONOUGHEY</u> David	MiamiCo.	OH 051	Bethel Twp.	1830

<u>McCONOUGHIEY</u>				
David	Portage Co.	OH 205	Deerfield Twp.	1830
Jarvis	Geauga Co.	OH 279	Bainbridge Twp.	1830
Louisa	Portage Co.	OH 190	Aurora Twp.	1830
Thomas	Stark Co.	OH 193	Paris Twp.	1830
William	Chester Co.	PA 306	NEW GARDEN Twp.	1830
<u>MACONAGHY</u>				
NAME NOT FOUND				
<u>MCCONACHIE</u>				
NAME NOT FOUND				
<u>MCCONAGHY</u>				
Alexander	Allegheny Co.	PA 088	E. Deer Twp.	1840
Charles	Philadelphia Co.	PA 027	Sprg. Garden Dist.	1840
David	Washington Co.	PA 007	Washington	1840
John	Richland Co.	OH 086	Mifflin Twp.	1840
Thomas	Richland Co.	OH 086	Mifflin Twp.	1840
<u>MCCONAHAY</u>				
David	Tippecanoe Co.	IN 257	Washington Twp.	1840
David	Tippecanoe Co.,	IN 257	Washington Twp.	1840
Elizabeth	Huntingdon Co.	PA 262	Cromwell Twp.	1840
James	Wayne Co.	IN 368	Washington Twp.	1840
Robert	Huntingdon Co.	PA 263	Cromwell Twp.	1840
Samuel	Washington Co.	PA 246	Buffalo Twp.	1840
Samuel	Washington Co.,	PA 246	Buffalo Twp.	1840
William	Adams Co.	IN 009	Root & St. Marys T.	1840
William	Washington Co.	PA 246	Buffalo Twp.	1840
<u>MCCONAHIEY</u>				
NAME NOT FOUND				
<u>MCCONAHIE</u>				
NAME NOT FOUND				
<u>MCCONATHY</u>				
James	Trimble Co.	KY 315	No Twp. Listed	1840
<u>MCCONAGUEY</u>				
John	Westmoreland Co.	PA 194	Ligonier Twp.	1840
John	Westmoreland Co.	PA 194	Ligonier Twp.	1840
<u>MCCONAGHY</u>				
Hector	Allegheny Co.	PA 166	Indiana Twp.	1840
Hugh	Washington Co.	PA 017	Creek	1840
J.	Albany Co.	NY 391	Albany 5th Ward	1840
John	Washington Co.	PA 082	Mt. Pleasant	1840
John	Washington Co.	PA 155	Peters Twp.	1840
Margaret	Adams Co.	PA 011	Gettysburg Borough	1840
Samuel	Washington Co.	PA 200	Donegal Twp.	1840
Sarah	Indiana Co.	PA 134	Mahoning Twp.	1840
<u>MCCONNAUGHAY</u>				
NAME NOT FOUND				
<u>MCCONNAUGHEY</u>				
Jason C.	Rowan Co.	NC 045	No Twp. Listed	1840
John M.	Rowan Co.	NC 045	No Twp. Listed	1840
Mrs.	Mecklenburg Co.	NC 308	No Twp. Listed	1840
Ransom	Carroll Co.	IN 432	No Twp. Listed	1840
William	Muskingum Co.	OH 469	Salt Creek Twp.	1840
<u>MACONAGHY</u>				
NO ENTRIES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING.				
<u>MCCONAGHY</u>				
Hugh	Autauga Co.	AL 032	Wetumpka Beat	1850
James	Mobile Co.	AL 315	Mobile	1850
Thomas	Coosa Co.	AL 010	Coosa District	1850
<u>MCCONAHA</u>				
Thomas	Ohio Co.	VA 049	44th District	1850
<u>MCCONAGUEY</u>				
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<u>MCCONNAUGHAY</u>				
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<u>MCCONNAUGHEY</u>				
James Co.	Rowan Co.	NC 158	Dist. 16, School	1850
<u>MCCONNAUGHHAY</u>				
John	Nicholas Co.	KY 491	District 1	1850

"The woman, Lorraine Marion, 31, of 483 Broadway was led by Lt. Paul Maconaghy, Sr. from an alley as Firefighters Anthony Doran and Edward Lipiarz doused them with streams of water to protect them from the flames. Less than eight hours later, Firefighter Doran found Thomas Foster in his second-floor apartment at 1315 Jefferson Ave. and guided him to safety with the help of Lt. Maconaghy.

"I'm a firm believer that you have to be a different kind of breed to be in this job," Lt. Maconaghy said in describing the two rescues. The first rescue, at 9 p.m. Wednesday, stemmed from a fire in a vacant building at 481 Broadway that trapped Ms. Marion as she tried to flee her house through the 4-foot-wide alley that separates the two buildings. "When I saw her she was surrounded by fire," Lt. Maconaghy said. "I ran back, and as I got there they gave us a shield of water. Had it not been for them we both would have been cooked."

"The second rescue came shortly before 5 a.m. in a fire that hit three Jefferson Avenue buildings. Mr. Foster was asleep in his upper-floor apartment when he first smelled the smoke. "I looked out the window and saw all the trucks down there and that's the first I knew my building was on fire," he said. Firefighters Doran and Raymond Race found the man sitting on his bed but, stunned by the smoke, he refused to leave his apartment, they said. "He was quite petrified," Lt. Maconaghy said. "People don't want to abandon their belongings," Firefighter Doran added. With his rescuers talking to him calmly to reassure him, Mr. Foster was led to a front stairway where leaping flames blocked their path. Firefighter Doran, taking off his air mask to improve his vision, then guided Mr. Foster to a rear stairway where Lt. Maconaghy was waiting to help him outside. "He couldn't walk by himself, so we had to help him," Firefighter Doran said. "I've got arthritis, and I couldn't get downstairs until the firemen came," Mr. Foster said.

"Lt. Maconaghy, 37, a nine-year veteran of the department, said dashing into the alley after Ms. Marion was a 'conditioned reaction' developed through experience in the face of danger. "When there's another human being's life involved, you sometimes throw caution to the wind," he said. "Then, later, you think 'Oh my God, did I do that?'"....."

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At the 57th National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Nov., 1978, Denise McConaughy, 18, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde McConaughy, Jr. of Smicksburg, Indiana County, PA won top honors in her division and a \$1,000 scholarship for raising Duroc hogs.

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PURDUE PETE

Honored guest at President Carter's 1978 Thanksgiving feast was Purdue Pete. Pete, who flew in Washington from Purdue's Baker Poultry farm was a 24-week old, 37-pound, broad-breasted Nicholas white turkey, born in Jasper and raised as part of a nutrition research project at Purdue. He was presented to First Lady Rosalyn Carter and daughter Amy in official ceremonies as the annual gift of the National Turkey Federation. The good news was that Pete wasn't to be gobbled, he will be residing at a Washington zoo. One of those accompanying Pete to Washington & participating in the presentation was Robert Hogue, son of Felicia McConahey Hogue.

Bob & Marthellen Hogue continue their 'world travels', a lot farther away than Washington! Last year they attended the Worlds Poultry Congress in Rio; then on to Buenos Aires, LaPaz, Bolivia; Lima, Cuzco, Machu-Picchu, Peru and Quito, Ecuador. Their Christmas greeting featured a colorful scene from Ecuador where they crossed the equator.

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WE POINT WITH PRIDE!

From the Jacksonville, TX Daily Progress, Sunday, Oct. 1, 1978:

Mrs. Bounds named convention chairman

"Mrs. McPherson V. Bounds, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Baker of Jacksonville, has been named Convention Chairman for the United Daughters of the Confederacy State Convention to be in Shreveport, LA May 2-4, 1979.

"Mrs. Bounds is chairman of District I, Louisiana Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, which encompasses the UDC Chapters of Northwest Louisiana. Mrs. Bounds is active in other clubs in the Shreveport area, having been recently elected to the office of recording secretary for the Fourth District, Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs, service as President of Coterie Study Club, and president of the Caddo Parliamentary Study Club."

Members of the McConnaughey Society know Francis as the collector of Civil War records, author of several articles for McConnaughey Bulletins, contributor of much data to the Archives, present at all McConnaughey Gatherings, and First Vice-President for the South in the McConnaughey Society.

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Dayton, OH Daily News, Sun., Oct. 29, 1978:

Election '78

by Dave Allbaugh

"Two youthful Oakwood women who 'turned-off' to politics last year have turned-on again in time to lead local Democrats' get-out-the-vote drive. Diana L. (Dedi) McConnaughey is in charge of 'targeting' and coordinating the Montgomery County effort. She is assisted by a familiar ally, Loretta Sowers. McConnaughey and Sowers led Democratic gubernatorial nominee Richard F. Celeste's 1977 effort to form a campaign organization for the county. But late that year, they dropped out of politics to spend more time with their young families and other civic chores.

"Their re-emergence is particularly significant in light of their 1976 role. McConnaughey and Sowers were part of a small group of amateurs who convinced the party to focus its effort on key Democratic precincts in a strategy switch credited by some with carrying the county for Jimmy Carter over ex-President Gerald R. Ford.

"McConnaughey is a member of the wealthy family that owned the Kettering-Oakwood Times until a few months ago. She is a politically savvy worker equally at home in a North Dayton union hall or an exclusive fund-raising reception in Oakwood....."

"McConnaughey shuns any deep analysis of her renewed political involvement. 'Joe asked me to do this,' she says, referring to Montgomery County Democratic Chairman Joe Shump. Earlier this year, McConnaughey accepted a position on the County Democratic Executive Committee. 'I am a Democratic Party person,' McConnaughey said, stressing her personal obligation to help out. 'The lesson we learned in 1974 and 1976 was to coordinate the efforts of all candidates, local and statewide,' McConnaughey added. 'We want to make sure that all our resources are used and there is no overlap.'"

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Buffalo Evening News, Thurs., Aug. 3, 1978:

FIREFIGHTERS SAVE WOMAN, MAN, 78, FROM TWO FIRES

by Mark Misercola & Lee Coppola

"Two Buffalo firefighters took part in two rescues overnight that saved the lives of a woman trapped by a wall of flames and a 78-year-old man whose arthritis prevented him from fleeing his smoke-filled apartment."

MACONAGHY McCONACHIE		NO ENTIRES FOUND UNDER THIS SPELLING.			
Alexander	Kings Co. NY 318	Brooklyn 4th Ward		1850	
McCONAGHY					
Charles	Philadelphia Co. PA 431	Walnut Ward		1850	
Daniel	Allegheny Co. PA 331	Collins Twp.		1850	
Daniel	Luzerne Co. PA 167	Pittston		1850	
Enoch	Chester Co. PA 328	Sadsbury Twp.		1850	
George	Philadelphia Co. PA 297	Moyamensing Ward 2		1850	
John	Allegheny Co. PA 346	Lawrenceville		1850	
John	Philadelphia Co. PA 462	Moyamensing Ward 5		1850	
John	Atlantic Co. NJ 075	Hamilton Twp.		1850	
Michael	Philadelphia Co. PA 439	Dock Ward		1850	
Susan	Philadelphia Co. PA 247	Germantown		1850	
Mary	Philadelphia Co. PA 349	New Market Ward		1850	
McCONAHA					
McCONAHAY					
McCONAHEV					
James	Huntingdon Co. PA 179	Shirley Twp.		1850	
Laughey	Lawrence Co. PA 132	S. Slippery Rock T.		1850	
Robert	Crawford Co. PA 243	S. Shenango Twp.		1850	
Rosana	Huntingdon Co. PA 171	Shirleysburg Twp.		1850	
William M.	Beaver Co. PA 095	Chippewa Twp.		1850	
McCONAHIE					
McCONATHY					
McCONAUGHEY					
Ann	New Castle Co. DE 334	Pencana Hundred		1850	
Margaret	Philadelphia Co. PA 423	Spring Garden Ward 7		1850	
McCONAUGHY					
David	Adams Co. PA 040	Gettysburg Brh.		1850	
David	Allegheny Co. PA 055	Indiana Twp.		1850	
Franklin	Philadelphia Co. PA 075	Bridesburg Twp.		1850	
Harriet	Allegheny Co. PA 033	West Deer Twp.		1850	
Hector	Allegheny Co. PA 055	Indiana Twp.		1850	
Hugh	Washington Co. PA 481	Cross Creek Twp.		1850	
Jackson	Allegheny Co. PA 006	East Deer Twp.		1850	
James	Washington Co. PA 529	Hopewell Twp.		1850	
Joseph	Philadelphia Co. PA 457	Spring Garden #7		1850	
Matthew	Indiana Co. PA 045	Green Twp.		1850	
Rose	Philadelphia Co. PA 440	Spring Garden Ward 7		1850	
Samuel	Washington Co. PA 527	Hopewell Twp.		1850	
Samuel	Allegheny Co. PA 055	Indiana Twp.		1850	
Samuel	Washington Co. PA 438	Buffalo Twp.		1850	
Samuel	Allegheny Co. PA 017	East Deer Twp.		1850	
Thomas	Allegheny Co. PA 018	East Deer Twp.		1850	
NO ENTRIES FOUND IN 1850 FOR: McConnaha, McConnaughay, McConnaughey, McConnaughay, McConoughey.					

I was able to spot some errors in typing and surely MADE some typing errors; but this should be a fairly complete listing of those in the early census records. I would like to start collecting copies of the census records, starting with this list. Anyone out there who would like the job? Next step will be to cover more states & later time periods. That job, too, is 'open!'

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OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE!

Some of you know about our 'Weir' problems; but they will be new to many. James McConaughy, son of Andrew Duncan McConaughy of Guernsey Co., OH in the early 1800's, married Mary Ann Weir (Weyer, Wire, etc.), said to have been of German background, an orphan raised by Bob Foy. The descendants have been trying for years to find Mary Ann's parents, with no success. To add to the puzzlement, we have an Elizabeth Weir who was left a life estate and custody of Andrew Duncan's two youngest children, in his 1853 will. You can learn more about her in the article about Andrew Duncan McConaughy in the 9th Bulletin.

A 'cluster' of searchers have been trying to unravel the Weir problem, among others and it has led us down some rocky paths!

In our Salt Lake City research papers from a 1950 publication by Charles A. Fisher, titled (according to the papers) "Wills and Administrations of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania" is a will abstract as follows: "John McConahey will dated 2/12/1838, probated 3/9/1838 in Washington Township; Heirs: wf Rachel. Ch. William, Joseph, David K., Rachel Williams, Elizabeth Weir, Sarah, Margaret Williams, Hannah Smitten. Gch., Margaret Barkley, Rachel White." That appears to be simple enough, doesn't it? There IS a Elizabeth Weir and we begin to make big guesses about how John McConahey MIGHT be one of the missing brothers of David and Andrew Duncan McConaughy?? There's another line with an Archibald Smitten McConaughy, but not in Northumberland Co.; so we write Northumberland County for the will -- confident we'll make a startling discovery! No will -- no McConaheys -- no nothing.

So, I check Hoenstine's "Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research in Pennsylvania" for Fisher's book and find: "Wills and Administrations of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania Including Wills and administrations of Union, Mifflin and Indiana Counties, All formerly a part of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania". It also points out that there are different time periods for each county -- "Northumberland County (1772-1813); Mifflin County (1789-1793); Union County (1813-1818); Indiana County (1818-1849)." Obviously, Indiana County is the only one in the right time period; so we're in the running again and a letter is off to Indiana County.

In the meantime, Indiana County IS the area where several Archibald Smitten McConaughys lived; so we check the Punxsutawney line more carefully. There's David McConaughy who married Sarah Thompson, daughter of Robert Thompson and her sister Hannah married a Smitten, according to Robert's DAR record. We speculate again -- maybe someone got Hannah on the wrong side and she was really David's sister not Sarah's? Both Hannah AND David would fit in the list of heirs of John McConahey. This would tie the Punxsutawney line into the William McConaughy line and solve a LOT of problems!

Reply from Indiana County -- NO will for John McConahey! I check again, write again, beg him to look again; still no will! By now I am really upset!! So, I rent Caldwell's 1880 History of Indiana Co., PA and it's index. The index comes first; so I check out the names and make a list to check further. There's a David K. Thompson. Maybe related to David K. McConaughy?

The book comes and we start checking. Several Weirs, but they aren't German! All are Scottish or Scotch-Irish! Will have to deal with that discrepancy later. What about that David K. Thompson? Wait 'til you see it!

"DAVID K. THOMPSON was born on the 8th of July, 1798, one mile above the site of Saltsburg, and was a son of John (called Block-house) and Rachel Thompson (nee White.) The former was a native of Philadelphia, and served five years in the Revolutionary army. He was married in Chester county, his wife above named, being a daughter of Thomas and Rachel White (nee Liggett). He removed to Westmoreland county in 1783, and ten years later, located on the tract where our subject was born. In 1802, he removed to the farm now occupied by David K. He died in 1838, at the age of seventy-seven; his wife in 1853, at the age of ninety-three. Their children were: William,

and certainly, after his death for several children lived for many years in the vicinity.

We suggest at this time the particular importance of checking up with every present family unit that may have descended from any one of the five children of the original Samuel (1); and particularly the descendants of James (2) and Samuel (2) for any old family records yet available, including wills, Bibles, letters, obituaries, newspaper clippings or files, deeds or land transfer records, church records of membership, baptism, marriages, and deaths. Every scrap of paper of ancient character should be scrutinized critically for often a mere word or phrase or casual reference gives the clue to important facts. Reference to County and Township Histories, as well as printed Histories of individual churches and denominational movements in general may also prove valuable. The Proceedings of Historical Societies are also possible sources in many cases.

We are advised under date of May 3, 1928 by R. J. Coulson, Register of Washington County, Penna., that the marriage records of that County only date from 1885 (which seems rather astonishing in view of the legal character of the contract, the requirements from the beginning as to license, magisterial approval, etc.); indicating, however, the importance of records of church organizations existing during the life time of Samuel (1) (1732-1799); or the life time of his five children covering roughly the further period to 1850; whether in County Donegal, Ireland, the Colonies of Eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia; or Washington County, Penna. Much interest, of course, centers around the Presbyterian Church at Upper Buffalo (Little Buffalo Village), Washington County, Penna., organized in 1799; but any United Presbyterian or Associate Reformed Churches that may have existed in Buffalo or Hope-well Townships, or nearby, should not be overlooked as to records. For instance, the most elementary and fundamental church records relate to membership. If, therefore, Samuel (1) and his family lived long enough in Eastern or Central Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, or Virginia, to acquire residence, then it would be most surprising if they did not have a church connection there which ought to show a record of dismissal (sometime after 1790, let us say) to a Washington County church where record of receiving such members of the Session would appear.

Another unexplored field is that covered by old files of newspapers, if still preserved, as published in Counties where Samuel (1) may be found to have lived; a careful perusal of which, advertisements and otherwise, might easily disclose facts and family history we do not now have.

We have noted on the Chart Outline Sets the principal facts we now know for the five children of Samuel (1), as to birth, death (where buried), and the place or places where they spent most or all of their lives; thus indexing the regions in which we might discover further data from County records, newspaper files, etc.

This 'Data Assembly of 1929' is informal, fragmentary, and chiefly for two purposes; first, to safeguard what we have, through multiple copies, against loss; and, second, by way of information and suggestions, with a view to discovering supplementary material from any of the descendants of Samuel (1) living today; and to enable such descendants to check their own knowledge and to relate it more accurately to the whole available record.

Signed: S. C. McConahey  
Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5)

(Son of Thomas Mitchell McConahey (4)  
(and Mary Jane McCune); son of Samuel  
(3) (and Jane Janet Mitchell); son of Hugh  
(2) (and Margaret McCune); son of Samuel (1)  
(and Margaret Thompson).

Wilksburg, Penna.  
December 31, 1929

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'Disa & Data' Letters

In February, 1979 we started typing a one page letter which was sent to those who wrote during the month. At the Gathering we discussed the possibility of sending the letters to all members during the year; but decided that we would keep it as a possible 'tool' to encourage members to write. So, if you want to know 'Disa & Data', write!!

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of Duncan or Duncanson. 'Mac' in Gaelic is 'son' in English. Clan Donaghy is one of the oldest Clans of Scotland. I think there were three kings names Donagh or Duncan in Scotland; and in Ireland in the tenth century, there were two kings of that name. 'May I hope' is the motto of the McConaughys.

'The McConaughys that have been for many generations in the Lowlands of Scotland, changed the spelling of the name. 'Maconochie' is the way they spell it. There have been many eminent men who spelled the name that way. Alexander Maconochie of Edinburg was Lord Advocate of Scotland. He was contemporary with Sir Walter Scott, the great Scottish novelist.

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'I have no doubt that all the McConaughys, no matter how they spell their name, are descended from the same original stock of Clan Donaghy, which for many generations swayed the destinies of Scotland and Ireland. Our Grandfather spelled his name 'McConaughy'. Uncle Alexander dropped the 'u' from his name and we followed his example, but I wish we had stuck to the old way of spelling the name.'

See p. 105-106, Weekley's 'The Romance of Names', Third Edition, May, 1922, for the following interesting discussion of the word 'hill' as the basis for surnames; particularly the reference to the Celtic form 'don', as bearing on the old Clan name 'Donachie' from which 'McConochy' is said to have derived, meaning 'a hill as a shield or protection'.

'Hill and Dale.' We have a fair number of Celtic words connected with natural scenery, but they do not as a rule form compounds, and, as surnames, are usually found in their simple form. Such are Cairn, a strong hill, Crag, Craig, and the related Carrick, and Creagh, Glen, or Glynn, and Lynn, a cascade. Two words, however, of Celtic origin, don or down, a hill, and combe, a hollow in the hill, were adopted by the Anglo-Saxon and enter into many compounds. Thus we find Kingdom, whence the imitation Kingdom, Brandon, from the name Brand, Ashdown, etc. The simple Donne or Dunne is sometimes the Anglo-Saxon name Dunna, whence Dunning, or a color nick name, while Down and Downing may represent the Anglo-Saxon Duna and Dunning. x x x'

To sum up the matter of name origin and meaning; while some interpretations of the old work 'Dun' permit definition as 'brown head' or the 'dark stranger', the clearer and quite certain origin is the Gaelic Donnach or Conach, meaning a hill as a shield or protection. These quotations, for the most part, establish a very definite and satisfactory analysis of the surname, its derivation, and variants. There is, of course, an extended bibliography covering the origin and history of Scottish and Irish peoples, the Highland Clans, etc., etc.

Returning again to the 'Marquis Manuscript', we quote:

'Samuel McConaughy and his wife, Margaret, came from Ireland to America in the year 1774, but whether they first settled in Washington County is not known to the writer. It is certainly known that they lived for many years in this County and their dust sleeps in the Cemetery of Upper Buffalo Congregation. The inscriptions on the stones which mark their last resting place are as follows:

Samuel McConaughy, Died \_\_\_\_\_ 1799  
in the 67th year of his age.

Margaret McConaughy, Died \_\_\_\_\_ 1797  
in the 65th year of her age.'

The fact of the matter is, however, that there is no 'grave stone' for Margaret who 'died \_\_\_\_\_ 1797'; although there is space beside her husband, Samuel (1) whose grave is marked by an old upright, flat sandstone, such as was common in those days, and in a fine state of preservation. It is a matter of curious interest why Margaret's grave is unmarked. There would seem to have been ample time to have provided such a stone following her death and before the death of Samuel (1) in 1799;

d., m. to Rebecca Taylor, d.; Rachel, d., ma. to John Williams, d.p Thomas, d., m. to Hannah Thompson, d.; John, d.; Elizabeth, d., m. to John Weir, d.; Joseph, m. to Maria Culbertson, d.; David K., m. in 1826 to Mary McHenry, b. in 1800, d. in 1879; Sarah, d.; Thomas W., d.; and Margaret J., m. to William Williams. Thomas and John were soldiers in the war of 1812 for six months. Thomas W. was a soldier in the Florida War and died there. Joseph's children were: Nancy, Rachel, John, William, Thomas, Joseph, Margaret, Samuel, James, and Maria. David K's children were: Margaret, m. to Abel Findley; Rachel; Sidney; John; William, d.; David, d.; Thomas, who served three years in the 14th Pennsylvania cavalry; and Mary, d." Now, the 'd.' means simply they were dead when the sketch was written, ca 1880. Compare John Thompson's children to the ones in John McConahey's will and note the date of John Thompson's death! Only one thing to do -- send for John Thompson's will. It comes, with disposition and all and NO McConahey ANYWHERE!! We've lost a McConahey, but gained a lot of Thompsons!

Further examination of the book reveals more information about Weirs, but doesn't help a bit with Mary Ann and Eliz. of Guernsey Co., OH. However, we sleuth some more and find that Hannah Thompson, daughter of Robert Thompson, married Thomas Thompson, son of John Thompson; THEN, upon Thomas Thompson's death, she married Archibald Smitten! So, she was a daughter-in-law of the John Thompson (labeled McConahey) NOT the daughter!

Phase 2 of this 'off-beat' search was a letter to a Mrs. Foy asking if she could shed any light on a connection between Foy (Bob) and Weir and, possibly, McConaughy. A nice, neat, complete and very fascinating letter and enclosures followed. The immigrant of her husband's line was one Fredrich Foy, who came from GERMANY and also used FYE and FREY! So, Mary Ann Weir's 'German background' could have rubbed off from her foster parent?!

That's not all -- Fredrich Foy/Fye/Frey was an indentured servant for 7 years to James McConaughy of West Nantmeal Township, Chester Co., PA about the time of the Revolutionary War. Fredrich served his indenture and continued working for James. When James died, he left 500 pounds (no small sum!) to Fredrich Fye. So we have a McConaughy/Fye or Foy connection, or do we? Our Chester County research, some 15 years ago, rather fully documented one RICH Robert McConaughy who had one child, James (this same James), who had only one child, an illegitimate daughter, Rachel, who was indentured to some family and not recognized in James' will. She was, however, identified as James' daughter in his mother's will & the grandmother made arrangements to have her freedom purchased & left her a sizeable legacy; so, unless there were brothers and nephews of Robert, this isn't likely to be the McConaughy/Foy connection we are seeking -- and seeking and seeking!!

So, outside of shedding some light on Mary Ann Weir's nationality, we're still stymied at the same spot! I will say we learned a lot and have some GOOD stories to relate!!

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WE WERE THERE!

"First-person" report on the Portland (OR) Highland Games, held July 13-15, 1979. From Edna Marquis Howard, our Special Representative, who was there!

Evidently "The Pacific Northwest Highland Games & Clan Gathering" July 13, 14, & 15, 1979 was a success. The President, Mrs. Johnson, said the "head count" was most ever had. The weather was beautiful and our tent in a very good location. There were many many kilts of so many tartans and in all sizes. Sending you a flyer & added president's name and address.

The athletic events seemed so strenuous but with such pride by those sturdy Scots. The dancers and piper contests too extended into late afternoon. The crowd was enthusiastic and noisy. The combined Pipe Bands were colorful and with precision, just beautiful.

Col. John Nielson (retired) was Secretary of Games and Chairman of the Tent Committee. He asked me to bring my Manx flag, map, etc. I thought that out of place, but he declared it a part of the British Isles.

Mr. Nielson is also a member of our Genealogical Forum of Portland and we both had displays at the Annual Open House & Exhibit in May. He is of the Clan Mc Donald and with Ronald Alexander, Commander of Clan McDonald, U. S. A., State of Oregon -- North Pacific Region. Also of a Portland family, at present a graduate student working on his PH.D.

I felt I should be there due to my Scottish heritage. The large map of "Scotland of Old with Arms & Crests of Ancient Clans" by Bartholomew attracted many many persons, as did the 1966 Clan Donnachaidh Annual, Edinburgh, which has our "McConnaughey Society of America" on full page 12. I am again thankful Shirley brought them. Alas! Alas! No one seemed interested in McConaughy, no matter the spelling.

A Scot of a very few words, with kilt & elaborate trappings returned to our tent later and pointed out his mother's family name & said she was born in Douglas, gave her father & mother's name and she "migrated to Aberdeen". Asked how to do search on the Isle of Man for her genealogical data. Surprise! I hope he becomes a member of our North American Manx Society which just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Our Genealogical Society display was of interest to many. Mr. Burrell, President, was there & we were busy but with Lyle and Shirley, also doing their best we didn't let anyone get away for lack of attention.

I talked with Mrs. Johnson last evening and sorry to report that the Clan Donnachaidh of California didn't come to the games this year. There were several clan tents with flags flying. Mr. Gunn, of the Clan McGunn, said they have no living chief.

I must tell you that the more I learn the greater the subject seems. One Scot, who appeared so "well turned out" said, "Where is your red banner with shield with three wolf's heads?"<sup>2</sup> and "I wear the Robertson Hunting Tartan."<sup>3</sup>

The little book given Shirley, while she was in Edinburgh in 1966, by Dorothy McRobbie is entitled, "The Robertsons, Clan Donnachaidh of Atholl" one of W. & A. K. Johnston's Clan Histories. 1st pub. 1952-Reprinted 1962 (has both Tartans in color.)

I used a few of your flyers, then had 25 zeroxed just like them with my name & address added. I hope that you or I hear from any of those given out in Oregon.

EDNA MARQUIS HOWARD, et al

<sup>1</sup> Lyle & Shirley are Mrs. Howard's son & daughter.

<sup>2</sup> Banner with 'three wolves' heads' would be Robertson banner -- we should get one!

<sup>3</sup> Robertson Hunting Tartan is one of the most attractive Robertson tartans; the one most of us are most familiar with.

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From 'The McDonnells of Antrim, p. 90, (Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Penna.) we note:

'McConaghy -- Campbells of Inverawe were known as Clan conaghy or Clan donaghy from Donagh pronounced in Gaelic like Conaght, the Christian name of one of their most distinguished Chieftains.'

From the 'Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom', by Lower (Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Penna.) we note (p. 209):

'MacConnochie. The same as MacConnacha -- the son of Duncan.

MacConkey. A corruption of MacConnochie.'

(p. 212)

'Maconochie. A cadet of Campbell, from Sir Neil Campbell of Lochow (Ancestor of the Duke of Argyll) whose descendants in the fourth degree assumed the name of Mac Conochie (Mac-Duncan). This name was limited to the heads of the family, the cadets being always Campbells.'

(p. 97)

'Duncan. The Gael, Donn-cann (pronounced Don-kean) signifying 'Brown head'. Originally and still a Christian name.'

'Dunn. Dun, Dunne, Dunna, were Anglo-Saxon personal names, and Donne, Done, etc., are in Domesday Kemble considers them 'Adjectives relating to the dark colour of the persons', but Mr. Ferguson rather fancifully connects them with thunder. But that the surname is sometimes local is shown by its H. R. forms DeDun, Dela Dun, etc. Anglo-Saxon, Dun, a hill.'

(p. 413)

'Dunmore, Dunmure, a local name signifying in Gaelic 'the fortified hill'. Many old strongholds in Scotland are so called. The surname was probably taken from a village so designated in Stirlingshire.'

The following extract is from a letter to Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5), dated Eastbrook, Lawrence County, Penna., September 22, 1896, written by John McConaghy, (no kin of record to our branch) who was born December 25, 1819, in County Londonderry, Ireland, and came to America in 1834:

'Our branch of the McConaughys came to the County Antrim, Ireland, from the Isle of Skye, a portion of Inverness-shire, Scotland, after the defeat of the Presbyterians under the Duke of Argyle. Our Great Grandfather, Donald McConaughy, came to the County Londonderry when a small boy, accompanied by a younger brother whose later history I know nothing about. Our great Grandfather had two sons, John and William. John McConaughy, our Great Uncle, had two sons, Daniel and Hugh. He, with his two sons, had to flee from the County of his birth, having been a United Irishman and leader in the Enterprise. He would have been executed if he had been arrested. At the age of 65 years, in 1798, he made his escape with his wife and two sons to this country. He was a man of transcendent ability. Our Grandfather was a man of more than ordinary ability (mental), wise, prudent, and conscientious. He died at the age of 83 years, respected by all who knew him. He was the father of two sons and one daughter. The eldest was Mayr, a bright, intelligent woman. John, our father, died at the age of 39 years. He had a flax mill and used metal rollers for breaking the flax. His arm was caught in the rollers and he died ten days after receiving the hurt, from mortification. Our Uncle, Alexander McConaughy, died in Ireland aged 88 years in 1869. He was a man full of kindness, goodness, and benevolence. He left two sons, Alexander and Robert. Robert came to the United States and Alexander remained in Ireland.

'You may be interested in learning something about the origin of the name. Donagh or Donaghy; Conaugh or Conaughy, in the Celtic or Gaelic is 'a hill' as a shield or protection. Duncan is the same in Saxon. The English or Saxon of McConaughy is son

In any event, Samuel (1) and his family must have arrived in Washington County, Penna., very shortly after 1790, or the 'Marquis Manuscript' could not have recorded that Samuel (1) lived there 'for many years' before his death.

We should be able to fix quite closely the arrival of the family in Washington County, Penna., through land titles; and early files of newspapers or church records in that County yet preserved might disclose information or at least clues of much present interest.

As a general background, Day's 'Historical Collections of the State of Pennsylvania' records that Washington County was originally settled by Scotch-Irish from Bedford County (afterward Huntingdon -- in part) and York County; from the Kittatinny Valley; from Virginia; and directly from Ireland (p. 659). The settlements along the Monongahela and between that River and the Laurel Ridge commenced in 1772. The greater number of first settlers came from the upper parts of the then colonies of Maryland and Virginia. 'Braddock's Trail', as it was called, was the route by which the greater number crossed the mountains. A lesser number came by way of Bedford and Fort Ligonier, the military road through Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh (p. 337). Land was the object which drew most of these people for as the saying then was 'Land was to be had for the taking up', that is, the building of a cabin and the raising of a crop of grain, however, small, of any kind, entitled the occupant of 400 acres of land and a pre-emptive right to 1,000 acres adjoining to be secured by a Land Office Warrant (p. 663).

The following roads comprised the principal routes into Washington County territory from the east in the latter part of the eighteenth century:

- (a) By way of the 'southern route' (Old National Road from Baltimore and Hagerstown to Uniontown, Brownsville, etc.);
- (b) The 'Forbes (Military) Road' (now Lincoln Highway -- U. S. Route No. 30) through Bedford, Ligonier, and Fort Pitt -- Pittsburgh); or
- (c) Over what was known as the 'Glades Road' by way of Bedford, Manns Choice, Somerset, Donegal, Mt. Pleasant, West Newton (crossing the Youghogheny River) thence to Elizabeth (on the Monongahela River) and so into Washington County.

The spelling of 'McConaughy' given for Samuel (of the Gettysburg group) in the 'Census of 1790' is of interest although not particularly significant in any way, the publishers of the Census specifically disclaiming responsibility for name spellings. In comparing the spellings for all the eighteen Pennsylvania families listed in this Census, however, the (approximately) dominant form is readily discerned; from which we derive that 'McConahey' is merely a simplified form of 'McConaughy' or 'McConaughy' (or as spelled with two 'n's'). At this point, it will be appropriate to discuss in some detail the origin and variants of this surname.

The name is clearly of (Scottish) Gaelic origin. In a 'Table of the Descent of the Highland Clans' from Skene's 'The Highlanders of Scotland' (p. 373), there are listed two 'Great Clans' of particular interest to us:

1. Clan Donnachie (Whose Chief was Robertson) which included some fourteen family names (septs and dependents) and among others -- Donachie, Duncan, Duncanson, Dunna-chie, (See 'The McDonnells of Antrim', Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Penna.)

Skene indicates this Clan as derived from the Waormor or Earldom of 'The Gallgael', and descended from an ancient tribe known as the Kaledonici.

2. Clan Campbell (of Argyle) (Whose Chief was Campbell) which included a smaller Clan called the Campbells of Inverawe, this smaller Clan being comprised largely, if not entirely, of the family 'MacConochie' or 'Mac-Onochie' (probably pronounced -- as in Scotland today -- as if spelled 'McKonkey' or 'McKonock-he'). In any case, the Great Clan Campbell of Argyle, comprised some seventeen family names (septs and dependents) including Connochie, MacConnechy, and MacConochie (See 'What Is My Tartan', Bain Book & Publishing Company, Toronto, Canada).

Skene indicates this Clan as derived from the Maormor or Earldom of the Garmoran and descended from the ancient tribe known as Kreones.

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Those who attended the 1978 pre-Gathering picnic should remember Helen Robertson's 'Toffee Bars'. The recipe was received too late to publish last year, so will open the column for this year:

### Toffee Bars

9" x 13" pan      305° oven for half an hour

½ cup white sugar  
 ½ cup brown sugar  
 2 sticks butter or oleo  
 2 eggs  
 2 teaspoons vanilla  
 1 cup flour  
 1 cup Quick oatmeal

Combine in order given. Spread in pan--bake until lightly brown. Sprinkle immediately with one 6 oz. package chocolate chips. When softened, spread evenly. If desired, then sprinkle with chopped walnuts or pecans.

In hot, sticky weather, mix chips and nuts right in the batter, better this way for lunch boxes, too.

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Although definitely NOT Scottish, the following is a favorite recipe of the Gregorys and came to them from a family friend, Jane McGinn, Lafayette, IN; so should have enough 'Scottish connections' to be included:

### GAZPACHO

½ cup vegetable oil  
 4 T. lemon juice  
 2 cups beef broth  
 ½ cup finely minced onion  
 2 tomatoes, cubed & peeled  
 2 cups minced celery  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 ½ teaspoon pepper  
 ½ teaspoon tobasco  
 2 green peppers, chopped  
 2 cucumbers  
 1 large can tomato juice

Beat together vegetable oil and lemon juice several minutes with a blender or mixer. Stir into tomato juice, broth and vegetables. Taste should be well-seasoned. Keeps in the refrigerator for several days. Also known as Spanish 'cold soup.'

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From "Two Centuries of Virginia Cooking" by Gibson Jefferson McConaughy, comes the following recipe for --

### Cud's Cookies

'Cud was cook at Breezy Farm for my husband's grandmother; her name was Evelyn. In the vicinity, all ladies who were remotely kin or connections by marriage, and some not kin at all, share the title "cousin." While some of these ladies were being entertained in the parlor, Evelyn usually had a group of children with her in the kitchen playing tea party. She would pour them and herself cups of pearl tea, and as she drank hers, would mimic the visitors, saying, "I'm your Cousin Evelyn." The closest the younger children could come to saying cousin was "Cud," and so Cus she became to three generations. Cud's favorite kitchen chair sits on the hearth in the outside kitchen here at Haw Branch. It is a straight chair with a woven split-oak seat; the finials and slats of its ladder back are whittled down, and some are carved with the names of children long gone.



1/3 cup solid shortening	2 cups white sugar
1/3 cup butter	3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1 tablespoon baking powder
2 tablespoons cider vinegar	4 cups flour (approx.)
3 tablespoons buttermilk	White sugar for sprinkling
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	

Blend shortening, butter, and sugar until light. Beat in the eggs, add vanilla, vinegar, and buttermilk and blend well. Sift the soda and baking powder with the first cup of the flour into the first mixture and beat together well. Add enough of the remaining flour to make a dough just stiff enough to roll out. On a lightly floured board roll out part of the dough at a time, very thin; sprinkle with sugar and roll the sugar lightly to keep it from falling off the dough. Cut with assorted shaped of cookie cutters, place on a lightly greased baking sheet, and bake in an oven preheated to 350° F. about 10 minutes, until gently browned. Makes about 100 cookies. These cookies are good when eaten plain. If the final sprinkling of sugar before cutting out is omitted, these cookies are especially good to decorate with icing for Christmas or other occasions.

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**NOTE:** (Mary) Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey's may be ordered from McConnaughey Society headquarters for \$ 12.50 + 66¢ postage. The author is the wife of William Cary McConnaughey of the Rowan County, North Carolina line from Joseph McConnaughey.

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ALMOND SHORT-BREAD

From the Alpha Chi Omega "Lyre" comes this recipe of Ginger Swenson's. Ginger is Membership Secretary in the Central Office in Indpls. and the CO staff highly recommends it:

Cream together until light and fluffy: 1 cup butter or margarine and 3/4 cup sugar. Add: 1 egg yolk (reserve white), 1/2 cup almond paste, 1 tsp. almond extract. Beat until smooth. Add: 2 cups flour. Beat at low speed just until well combined.

Press into ungreased 8" square or 7" x 11" pan. Beat egg white until frothy and brush over top of dough. Cover with sliced almonds. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Cool completely and cut into squares.

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From the Dunedin (FL) Suncoast Times, Feb. 28, 1979, we have a number of very interesting Scottish recipes from two very Scottish ladies, Ina Humphries and Sadie Hart, including:

SCOTTISH OAT CAKES

2 cups oatmeal	1/2 cup flour
1/4 tsp. salt	1/4 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. sugar	1/4 lb. butter
1/2 cup boiling water	

Mix oatmeal, flour, salt and soda; melt butter in boiling water, stir butter & boiling water into dry ingredients and set aside to cool. Roll out on floured board 1/8 of an inch thick, and cut with round cutter. Bake on greased cookie sheet in a 400 degree oven until lightly browned, (about 10 minutes). Oatcakes with your 'cuppa' is just about as Scottish as you can get.

Ina is a native of Prestwick & Glasgow, arriving to reside in Dunedin in 1960. Her arrival in the U. S. was in 1920, but the Scottish tradition of tea-time still brings out the remembered 'goodies' of home.

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driven out of Ireland chiefly through the hardships of tyrannical land tenure and other laws as well as oppressive ecclesiastical restrictions. Most of them were desperately poor; in fact, many sold themselves (that is, their labor for an agreed upon period) to pay for their passage. Some actually had a price upon their heads for political misdemeanors. It is, therefore, quite certain that in many cases no passenger lists, or at best incomplete lists, were preserved.

However, the first (Federal) 'Census of 1790' listing Heads of familis in Pennsylvania', available in most Libraries in Pennsylvania, is at least a negative check as to where Samuel (1) resided in 1790. That Census shows a total of eighteen 'heads of families' in Pennsylvania having this surname in ten variants shown and distributed by Counties according to the following table:

<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
McConche, James	113	Franklin
McConchey, Robert	260	Westmoreland
McConche, Alexander	114	Franklin
McConchue, Daniel	123	Huntingdon
McConnehew, Thomas	17	Allegheny
McConnehey, John	246	Washington
McConnehoe, Thomas	16	Allegheny
McConohey, John	77	Cumberland

It is noted that of these eighteen families residing in Pennsylvania in 1790, there is registered but one Samuel. Unfortunately for the record of Samuel (1) of our Line, the Samuel (b. 1723, d. 1802) registered from York County, is found on further investigation to have been the son of Robert (b. 1691, d. 1758) who came over from Ireland in 1735-1737 and settled in Menallen Township, York (now Adams) County, Penna. This Samuel, while approximately of the same generation as Samuel (1), married Jean \_\_\_\_\_ (not Margaret), had a brother David (b. 1716, d. 1815) and clearly belongs to the group we have always designated as the 'Gettysburg McConaughys' but with which we have not traced a relationship, although there is a family tradition that such relationship existed. A member of the Gettysburg group, Rev. David McConaughy, D. D., was President of Washington and Jefferson College about \_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs. Maria McConnell McConahey always maintained he belonged to our Line.

The family of Samuel(1) of our Line in 1790 were of the following ages:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Age Years</u>
Samuel (1)	58
Margaret (1)	58
James (2)	23
Samuel (2)	21
Elizabeth (2)	18 or 19
Martha (2)	17 or 18
Hugh (2)	15

If Samuel (1) of our Line lived in Washington County in 1790 (only nine years before his death) he was either overlooked by the census taker or the conditions obtaining during the Whiskey Rebellion (1789-1794) made for imperfect census returns in Allegheny and Washington Counties, the hot bed of the Insurrection. However, many were registered from these Counties, including some of our own surname.

If Samuel (1) was not a resident of Pennsylvania in 1790, then we are more inclined, with our present knowledge, to look for him in a Maryland colony at that time than anywhere else. In fact, the 'History of John Clark and Martha (McConahey) Pickens', written by a son, Samuel Alexander Clark Pickens and published in 1925, states that 'her (Martha McConahey) parents (who were Hugh McConahey (2) and Margaret McCune, his wife) came from Ireland and first located in Maryland but later came to the Ohio Valley'. We think the reference might have been more accurately to Martha McConahey's 'garnparents' who would be Samuel (1) and Margaret Thompson, his wife. However, Hugh (2), the 'parent' mentioned, on the paternal side, was, of course, the youngest member of his father's family, being fifteen years old in 1790.

Apparently Hugh (2) had a status in the family different from that of his brothers and sisters. While it is true there is no bequest to Samuel (2) of land (Compared to the bequest of 100 acres to James (2), the home place may have been given to Samuel (2) before Samuel (1) made his will; at least the Will clearly recognizes Samuel (2) and the 'two girls' as constituting the continuing household. Of course, Hugh (2) might have been otherwise compensated before his father wrote his Will on November 1, 1799, just as we have assume for Samuel (2); nevertheless, there is something cryptic, concise, and conclusive about this single sentence reference to Hugh (2). Perhaps this inference is suggested by the dim tradition that came down to the children of Thomas Mitchell McConahey (4) to the effect that this remote great grandfather Hugh (2) was a 'Free Mason' and probably somewhat divergent from his family on this point. The dim tradition is given a little more substance by Mrs. Agnes (Jamison) Marlow (4), Scotch Ridge, Belmont County, Ohio, whose mother was Mary McConahey (3) (Married Alexander Jamison); daughter of Samuel McConahey (2) and Catherine McLain. Mrs. Marlow said that Hugh (2) had removed from Washington County, Penna., 'when a young man' to (near) Warrenton, Jefferson County, Ohio; that Hugh (2) was a 'Free Mason', and that politics in Washington County at the time was as to whether a man was a Mason or Anti-Mason. It was inferred that the remainder of the family were Anti-Mason. It is not impossible that Samuel (1) may have belonged originally to the Associate Reformed Church, and, if so, he disapproved of secret societies no doubt; although similar views were held by the early Presbyterian Congregations as well.

While attaching no special significance in this connection to the fact, we do know that as early as August 17, 1795, Hugh (2) spelled his name 'McConahey' for it so appears under that date and in his own hand writing on the fly leaf of a Millwright's Manual now in the possession of Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5). The form of the surname used is very interesting, however, and confirms that this spelling dates from before the death of Samuel (1) in 1799. The descendants of Samuel (2) also spelling the name 'McConahey' however, and Hugh (2) may have followed merely the example of his older brother.

In addition to the 'Marquis Manuscript' there is a skeleton outline of family names (without dates) beginning with Samuel (1) prepared by James McConahey (3) (who married Maria McConnell) son of Samuel (2) and Catherine McLain, which is also of value, although containing some errors and discrepancies. This document came to Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5) some years ago from Mrs. Margaret McConaughy Boyd, Wellsburg, West Virginia, through the good auspices of William McConnell McConahey (4) son of James McConahey (3) mentioned who married Maria McConnell. This paper we will hereinafter refer to as the 'James McConahey Chart Outline'. It is important, among other reasons, because it identifies the wife of Samuel (1) as 'Margaret Thompson'. The 'Marquis Manuscript' mentions the name 'Margaret' but not 'Thompson'.

The fact that Samuel (1) signed his will by making his mark need not imply that he was illiterate (for the evidence in general is quite to the contrary) but rather that he was, in all probability, on his death bed and unable to do more. The 'Marquis Manuscript' records his death in 1799 (and it is so recorded on his grave stone in the Presbyterian Church Yard in 'Little Buffalo Village', Washington County, Penna.). The Will is dated November 1, 1799. Therefore, he must have passed away in November or December of that year.

The Spelling of the surname in the signature to the Will is of special interest also and more fully discussed in the section herein covering McConahey name and origin and variants. Exact spelling of names was rare in that day, particularly in the case of such a name as this, the more or less complicated form and pronunciation of which rendered variations easy and inevitable. In this Assembly, we have in all cases spelled surnames as in the source records available, but in the absence of such authority, we have used our own present spelling 'McConahey'. The 'Marquis Manuscript' uses the spelling 'McConaughy', adopted (or retained) by James McConaughy (2) eldest son of Samuel (1).

The 'marquis Manuscript' states that Samuel McConaughy (1) and Margaret his wife, came to America in 1774 from 'Donegal', Ireland, but later refers to the oldest son, James (2) as having been born in 'County Donegal', thus indicating the family as originally residents of the County and not necessarily the Town of Donegal which is a (or the) seaport of the County. It is further set forth that Samuel (1) 'settled in Washington County' (on lands in Buffalo or Hopewell Township) year not stated; but that he lived there 'for many years' (which might mean five, ten, or more). As to locations or travels prior to his coming to Washington County and following the arrival of the family in this country in 1774, we have as yet no record. In all probability, the landing was at Philadelphia, Penna., New Castle, or Lewes, the last two ports then also in Pennsylvania but subsequently in Delaware; to which points came a large proportion of the Scotch-Irish emigration from the North of Ireland to the Colonial provinces of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. There are probably in the Libraries of Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and other eastern cities, more or less complete records of this emigration; possibly according to the names of ships, which might identify the personnel of that emigration in 1774, but we have had no opportunity to date to explore this field of inquiry. On the other hand, these emigrants had been

#### VITAL STATISTICS

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Mr. & Mrs. Lyle E. Smith of Morrow Bay, CA welcomed a third grandchild, Mark Anthony Chavez, weighing in at 6#5oz., 12:13 a.m. 15 Nov. 1978. Lyle descends from Wm. McConaughy & Ellen Berry.

Timothy Parker McConaughay was born 11 Aug. 1978, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Patrick McConaughay of California.

Lee Lynne Rimer, first child of Karen Lynne McConaughy and David Lee Rimer was born 8 May 1979 at Jackson, Michigan; also the first grandchild for William and Mary McConaughy of Horton, Michigan. Grandmother correctly predicted a 'red-haired' girl!

Bob & Mary Burt announced the 7th grandchild, Christine Marie Burt, daughter of Deborah Christine Smerud and Rodney Burt, was born 4 Feb. 1979 in Dallas, Texas.

Rick and Sarah (Craig) Brewer had a second son, Matthew Ishmael Brewer, born 19 July 1978 in Indpls., IN; grandson of Don & Jerry (McConaha) Craig of Centerville, IN.

Sept. 25, 1978 was the birthdate of Benjamin Robert Coddington, 2nd son of Robert and Connie (Rhodes) Coddington of Indpls., IN and grandson of Joel D. & Carroll (McConaha) Rhodes of Centerville, IN.

And yet another Centerville McConaha, Daniel Alan McConaha, 2nd son of Tim & Wanda McConaha of Centerville, IN was born 9 Sept. 1978.

Matthew Tyler Hedeem was born 31 March 1978 at 1:16 a.m. in Falls Church, VA, first child of Susan McConaughy (daughter of Harlow McConaughy of Sndpoint, Idaho and Essie M. M. Drake of Falls Church, VA) and her husband James Hedeem. At 8 months Matthew weighed 22# and was 30" tall, walking around furniture, saying a few phrases; using his red hair and blue eyes to GOOD advantage.

Phillip John Baillargeon was born 22 Oct. 1978 to Raymond and Linda Baillargeon. Linda is a descendant of Andrew J. and Angeline (Elliott) McConahey..

Crystall Marie McConaghy, see under Weddings & Anniversaries.

Shawn Michael Hiatt was born 24 Feb. 1976 at Great Lakes, Illinois, son of Rick & Linda Hiatt; grandson of Betty McConaughy and Jack Hiatt of Alexandria, IN.

#### WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 20, 1978 Tom Seitz, Jr. (grandson of Marjorie McConaughy Reese of Ohio) married Anna Page, daughter of Ann and Earle Page at Trinity Church, Gainesville, FL, where Earle Page is rector. Tom's parents are Tom Seitz, Sr. and Jan Reese Seitz, now of Shreveport, LA.

May 12, 1977 Pat McConaghy, son of Douglas and Opal McConahay of Washington, married Delores Cable. Pat spent a year or two "batchin" it with his FIVE sons! His marriage added not only Delores, but Melanie Jean and Daniel Howard to the family -- also making TWO Dan's, now known as 'big' Dan and 'little' Dan. With the further addition of Crystall Marie McConaghy, born 5 May 1978, Pat now says 'eight IS enough!'. They now have 5 acres complete with garden, chickens, pigs, and a dog.

September 2, 1978 Stuart Hogue (son of Robert & Marthellen Hogue and grandson of Felicia Kirkwood McConahey Hogue), married in Hopewell, VA to Susan \_\_\_\_\_.

September 23, 1978 George H. McConnaughey and wife, Phyllis Weary, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Wyoming.

May 19, 1979 Mr. & Mrs. Guy McConahay of Rushville, IL were honored at a reception commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary. Approximately 100 close friends and family gathered to help them celebrate and to extend to them their congratulations. Guy & Ermond were married in Rushville, IL on May 19th, 1929, which was also Guy's birthday. In 1962, their oldest son, Randall was married on this same date, and in 1974 their other son, Keith also was married on May 19th.

June 21, 1979 Samuel J. Maconaghy and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Samuel is a retired Methodist minister and was 80 on the 1st of August, 1979.

July 21, 1979 Rev. Samuel J. Maconaghy performed the marriage ceremony for his granddaughter, Barbara Fegley.

August 11, 1979: Kathleen Ann O'Hara and Mark Matthew McConahay were married in Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Indpls., IN. Mr. & Mrs. William F. O'Hara and Mr. & Mrs. Francis E. McConahay are parents of the couple. The bride attends Indiana University where her husband graduated and is now doing graduate work.

August 18, 1979: Wendy McConahey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert McConahey of Baldwin, N. Y. married Joel Harbarger of Jackson, Ohio.

#### DEATH NOTICES

Although we cannot help missing our loved ones and friends, this section can be a good 'memoriam' to them; especially when really personal notices are submitted. ALL notices are welcome, of course and we thank everyone of you who was thoughtful enough to send the following:

#### JOHN C. MCCONNAUGHEY

From The Latrobe (PA) Bulletin: "A 74-year-old Ligonier Valley man has become the district's third weather-related fatality. John C. McConnaughey was removing snow from the roof of his home's porch on Vincent Street when he suffered a fatal heart attack. Doctors at McGinnis Hospital in Ligonier pronounced him dead at 4:33 p.m. Saturday."

John's nephew, member Edwin C. McConnaughey, submitted his more personal version as a Memoriam:

"John Callendar McConnaughey, 75 of 338 West Vincent St., Ligonier, died Saturday afternoon. He was born Aug. 23, 1902 in Ligonier township, son of the late John H. and Catherine Jane (Johnston) McConnaughey. He was a member of Heritage United Methodist Church, Ligonier, and F&AM Lodge 331 of Ligonier.

"He was preceded in death by one son John L. (Jack), and two sisters, Alice Rush Woodburn and Effie Piper. Surviving are his widow Margaret Fletcher McConnaughey, one daughter, Mrs. Danny (Fern) McPherson of Davidson, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Keffer, Mrs. Belle Noel, and Mrs. Maude Lucas, all of Ligonier and Mrs. Mary Catherine Stough of Darlington, PA; four brothers, Floyd, Robert E., and Joe, all of Ligonier, and Paul of Wilkinsburg, and four grandsons.

"Friends will be received in Snyder Funeral Home, Bell and East Church Streets, Ligonier, from 12 to 2 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of the funeral home with the Rev. Conway Keibler officiating. Interment will follow in Ligonier Valley Cemetery. Masonic services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral Home."

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"I regret that I am unable to give you much information that will be of value to you. There is a family record that was written by my Mother, which is very correct I can assure you for my Mother had a remarkable memory; but just where that record is I am unable to say as I have been away from home for nearly two years. It is probably stored away in the attic of our house with our household goods. x x x x x Our branch of the family spell the name 'McConaughy'. My Mother claimed that was the old original Scotch Irish way of spelling it."

Subsequently, Miss Mary Belle Virginia Marquis (5) located the "Marquis Manuscript" and copies of that document were made and retained by Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5). We believe, therefore, that the "Marquis Manuscript" may be accepted as a very accurate and reliable record so far as it goes, even though including certain discrepancies hereafter mentioned. Moreover, the information in the "Marquis Manuscript" comes down through the line of James McConahey(2), the oldest child of Samuel (1), who inherited, by Will, a part (110 acres) of the Old McConaughy Homestead in Buffalo or Hopewell Township, Washington County, Penna., where Samuel (1) died. This James (2), born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1767, died in Washington County, Penna., November 7, 1836 "in the 69th year of his Age"; but his wife, who was Isabella Kerr and also "Born in Ireland", lived to the age of ninety-five, passing away on October 18, 1859.

It is reasonable to assume, therefore, that such old papers, family records, old Bibles, etc., as may have existed, came into the possession of James (2) and (or) Samuel (2) and their descendants, among whom we would naturally look for any of these old documents yet preserved. We should also bear in mind, however, that the two daughters of Samuel (1), that is, Elizabeth (2) the third child, and Martha (2) the fourth child, who were still single and living at home when their father Samuel (1) died in 1799, might have kept possession of some family records & papers which would be of great interest and value now if they could be located. Elizabeth (2) subsequently married James Hadden, and their descendants lived "in the vicinity of Zanesville, Ohio", according to Mrs. Agnes (Jamison) Marlow, Scotch Ridge, Ohio, whose mother was Mary McConahey (3) daughter of Samuel (2) and Catherine McLain, his wife. (Miss) Lizzie B. McConaughy says in a letter dated July 13, 1897 - - -

"x x x x x some of the Hadden family visited us in West Alexander (Penna.) years ago when I was a very little girl but we have heard nothing from them in late years."

Martha (2) married James Allison, and lived in Washington County, Penna. On the death of Martha (2) without children, her husband married again and had children by the second wife.

No information has been uncovered as to the descendants of Elizabeth (2) although it might be well worth while to locate any that survive on the chance of documents or records of interest concerning her family surname. It is even possible that such information might be found in the Allison descent. The zealous, imaginative, and energetic historian will overlook no possibilities, however remote.

The will of Samuel (1) would indicate that James (2) was married and living separately on a part of the old McConaughy Homestead at the time of the death of Samuel (1) in 1799; while Samuel (2) and the 'two girls', Elizabeth (2) and Martha (2), were still single and kept house for their father, Samuel (1), their mother, Margaret Thompson McConaughy, having died in 1797. The inference to be drawn from a reading of the Will is that Hugh (2), the youngest son and child, who would be twenty-four years old in 1799, was not at home at that time, or at least was foot-free of responsibility in his father's home, since the Will, after certain specific bequests, divides remainder of household goods between his brother, Samuel (2) and his two sisters, Elizabeth (2) and Martha (2), without including Hugh (2) who was also single, not having been married until October 22, 1801. An additional inference as to James (2) from the Will is the fact that if Samuel (3), the oldest child and son of James (2) was born in 1791 as the records seem to indicate, this points to the marriage of James (2) and Esabella Kerr about 1790, possibly before the family came to Washington County, Penna. The only reference to Hugh (2) in the Will is the following single sentence:

"I do leave to my third son, Hugh, ten pounds not to be paid sooner than two years after my death."

THE McCONAHEY FAMILYDATA ASSEMBLY OF 1929

Compiled by

Samuel Chalmers McConahey

December, 1929

## A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ORIGINAL PLANTING OF THE FAMILY IN AMERICA IN THE LIGHT OF FACTS AVAILABLE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS MEMORANDUM:

There is on file in Washington County, Penna., a will, dated November 1, 1799, and signed "Samuel McConnochy -- (x his mark)". This Will was probated March 1, 1803, and made bequests to five children, James, Samuel, Elizabeth, Martha, and Hugh. (See chart outlines at end of article)

Chart Outlines, Sheets two, three, four, five, and six, show extension of the Family to the second, third, and fourth generations.

This Samuel (1) was the original emigrant ancestor of the Family Line here recorded. He was born in 1732, came to America in 1774 from County Donegal, Ireland, with his wife, who was Margaret Thompson, and all the children except Hugh (2) who was born in 1775. Ultimately, the family settled in Washington County, Penna. Samuel (1) died "in 1799" and lies buried in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church yard, the grave identified by a well preserved stone. Margaret, his wife, passed away in 1797, and rests beside her husband, although no stone marks her grave.

An outline history of the "McConaughy Family" hereinafter referred to as the "Marquis Manuscript", compiled in 1890, by Rev. John Stevenson Marquis, whose wife was Margaretta Bryant McConaughy (4), daughter of Hugh McConaughy (3) and Isabella Walker, his wife), son of James McConaughy (2) (and Isabella Kerr, his wife); is the most complete and orderly record of the Family so far available, although, of course, chiefly relating to the descendents of James (2). Margaretta Bryant McConaughy Marquis knew much of the older family history, her father having "taken a great interest in such matters". (Miss) Lizzie B. McConaughy ( ) in a letter to Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5), dated Washington, Penna., June 25, 1897, said --

"xxxxxx but now I must report that I am unable to find the 'tree' I started some years ago. On that paper, I had all the different families run down to a recent date. At that time, Dr. Marquis and his wife, (who was Margaretta McConaughy) were living and, at Mrs. Marquis' suggestion, I wrote out all the early history that she had in her possession - - - her father having taken quite an interest in such matters - - and as she said at the time, the older members of the family would soon be gone and their knowledge would pass away with them. Mrs. Marquis knew, I suppose, more of the early history of the McConaughys than any of the connection about here, as she had preserved all the old papers, records, etc. that came from her father, Hugh (3), and her grandfather, James (2). I have utterly failed to find my papers; whether it was destroyed sometime by someone who did not judge its importance by its general appearance or not I am unable to state, but I regret exceedingly I am not in possession of the information it contains. Both Mr. Marquis and Mrs. Marquis are now dead and I presume, as their effects are somewhat scattered, it would be difficult to gather up the ends again. However, I will give you what information I remember but the dates I cannot recall.

"As I recollect it, there were four brothers came from Ireland the latter part of the eighteenth century to this country. The descendents of one of these brothers, Samuel by name, constitute our family line. I think the brothers' names were James, David, William, and Samuel; but I am not certain that the two names James and William are correct x x x x x x x"

(Miss) Mary Belle Virginia Marquis (5) daughter of Margaretta Bryant McConaughy (4) and Rev. John Stevenson Marquis, in reply to an inquiry from Samuel Chalmers McConahey (5) wrote from Kirksville, MO. under date of March 13, 1897 ----

Oct. 29, 1978 Indianapolis (IN) Star: "Services for Mrs. Audrey C. Hardman McConaha, 89, a lifelong Indianapolis resident and widow of Claude E. McConaha, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in Planner and Buchanan Fall Creek Mortuary, with burial in Clermont Cemetery. She died Friday (Oct. 27, 1979) in Winona Memorial Hospital. Mrs. McConaha worked in the Marion County clerk's office more than 10 years, retiring in 1971. She was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church and Lady Aberdeen International Study Club. She was a former Republican precinct committeeman for the Fourth Ward. Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Vivienne Duffy of Indianapolis."

MARY McCONAHEY JOHNSTON

Mary McConahey Johnston was born in Pittsburgh, PA 17 April 1905 and died in McCandless Town, PA 24 Dec. 1978. She was a resident of Butler, PA (RD 6) and the widow of the late Louis W. H. Johnston. Survivors included a daughter, Mary S. Johnston, and son, Alexander M. Johnston, both of RD 6, Butler, PA; sisters, Margaret Main of Springdale, WA, Jane Churchill of Kenton, OH, and Alice Clotworthy of Pittsburgh, PA. A brother, Theodore Marshall McConahey, preceded her in death (see Bulletin #9).

Services were held at the Glade Run United Presbyterian Church, Rte. 8, Cooperstown, PA and interment was at the Glade Run Cemetery.

LEO P. McCONAHAY

Indianapolis, IN Star, April 12, 1978: "Services for Leo P. McConahay, 81, a native of Monon (IN) who had lived here since 1916, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel and at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. He died Monday (4/10/78) at home. Mrs. McConahay worked 37 years as a salesman for Wadley Company, retiring in 1967. An Army veteran of World War I, he was a member of the Roy Edwards Barracks 1088 of the Veterans of World War I. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marie McConahay; two sons, Richard L. & Robert A. McConahay; and two daughters, Mrs. Theresa Meyer and Mrs. Charlotte Scheibelhut, all of Indianapolis."

WILLIAM GLENN McCONAHAY

BY Randall McConahay (Father)

"William (Bill) Glenn McConahay was born August 27, 1954 in Chicago, IL. Other than for a very short time in Indianapolis, IN, Bill spent his entire childhood and youth in Antioch, IL. He attended the public schools in the Antioch area and graduated from Antioch Community High School in 1972. During his grade school years, Bill was a member of the basketball team during the school term and a member of both the Antioch and Zion swim teams in the summer. During high school he was a member of student council, concert choir, swing choir, the baseball team and the wrestling team. At the end of his senior year, Bill moved to Libertyville, IL with his parents and spent approximately one year in Libertyville before heading west. He had friends in Vashon, WA and settled on Vashon Island. He was employed by Universal Foods and worked on a ship out of Dutch Harbor, Alaska, but between seasons always came back to Vashon where he could pursue the lure and love of the outdoor life.

"Bill was fatally stabbed during an altercation on the night of January 6th, 1979 at the home of friends on Adelaide Beach, King County, Washington.

"Services were held at the Chapel of the Island, Vashon, and interment was in Vashon Cemetery. He was survived by his parents, Randall and Corinne McConahay, two brothers, Michael of Antioch, IL and Martin of Peoria, IL, Martin's wife, Mary, and their children Elizabeth, David, and Julia. Also by his grandparents: Mrs. Julia Peters, St. Petersburg, FL and Mr. and Mrs. Guy McConahay of Rushville, IL. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mrs. & Mrs. Robert Donald, his paternal grandfather, Mr. Walter Peters, and his natural father, Mr. William Peters."

EARLE FOSTER McCONNAHA

"Earle Foster McConaha was born June 11, 1885 on a farm in Cass County, NB, near Murray. His parents were John and Mary E. (Latta) McConaha. At an early age his parents moved to a farm in Washington County, NB, near Herman.

"He graduated from the Blair, NB High School in 1902. The family moved to New Bloomfield, MO in 1904 where he engaged in farming until 1910, when he was licensed to preach by the Hopewell Baptist Church and began preparation for his calling by Entering William Jewell College.

"In 1915 he finished his studies there and was granted the A. B. degree. During the summer he was supply pastor for the Baptist Church at Grant City, MO. On May 30, 1915 he was ordained by the Hopewell Baptist Church and on September 22, he was married to Sarah Virginia Powell at the New Providence Church in New Bloomfield, MO. They immediately left for Louisville, KY where he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He remained there until 1918 when he finished the regular course and was given the degree Th. M.

"He volunteered for military service and was accepted for the Chaplains' Training School. On completion of the course he was commissioned 1st Lt. Chaplain and immediately received orders for overseas duty. There he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion of the 117 Inf. of the 30th Division, with whom he remained until the end of the war.

"After his military service ended he returned to the Seminary for Graduate work. He was granted a scholarship for these two years and taught a course in Biblical Introduction while the professor was on leave for a year. In 1921 he was given the Th. D. degree.

"While in the Seminary he was pastor of churches at Bullalo Lick, Dover and Midway, all in Kentucky. He was elected Professor of Religious Education at Shorter College, Rome, GA and began his duties there in the fall of 1921. After two years of service he entered Washington University and was given the A.M. Degree in 1924. Following this he became Professor of Religious Education at Mississippi Women's College (now William Carey College) at HATTIESBURG, Mississippi. During World War II he became affiliated with the U. S. Cartridge Company as Inspector and later with the U. S. Corps of Engineers, where he at the Granite City, IL Engineer Depot and later with the Engineer Supply Control office in St. Louis. He continued there until 1958, when he retired at the age of 73.

"His wife departed this life in 1961. There were no children. Mr. McConaha was the last member of the famioly of ten children.

"In 1964 he left St. Louis and came back to Nebraska where he entered the Senior Citizens' Home, at Tehamah. He remained there nearly five years, when he transferred to the Crowell Memorial Home in Blair.

"Mr. McConaha is a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is one of Missouri's oldest Masons. He received his 65-year pin in 1972. At the time of his death he had been a member 72 years.

"His immediate relatives are six nephews and four nieces: Mark McConaha, Blair, NB; Mrs. Margaret Ball, Pender, NB; Mrs. Beulah Fleet, Denver, CO; Ray McConaha, Tekamah, NB; Richard McConaha, Fairfield Bay, AR; Robert McConaha, Ontario, OR; Raleigh Barker, Gordon, NB; Clark McConaha, Valier, MT; Mrs. Enid Hill, Clarinda, IA; and Mrs. Raymond Hitchcock, Spencer, IA; and also many great nephews and neices.

"Departed this life February 1, 1979 at Crowell Memorial Home, Blair, NB. Funeral Services were held at First Baptist Church, Tekamah, NB. Burial was in Tehamah Cemetery. Masonic Committal Services were held."



### The McConaghy Estate

Thanks to our Berry cousin, Eleanor Rabun, of Richmond, CA, we have the lovely picture of the McConaghy Estate in Hayward, CA and additional information about the people who built it. She heard about it and made a trip there to get the information for us, which is much appreciated. The following has been taken from a brochure about the house and the "Docent Information" sheets which the curator was kind enough to send to us for additional data.

Hayward area residents have a unique new museum, housed in a beautiful old home on Hesperian Boulevard. The property was acquired through the efforts of individuals in the community, the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District, and the Hayward Area Historical Society.

The house is set well back from the street, surrounded by tall shrubs and well-kept garden. A large magnolia tree graces the front yard. A wide, covered veranda curves around the front and right side of the beautifully designed home.

The entry hall is large, with an impressive stairway leading to the second floor. The rooms are spacious, with high ceilings and beautiful pastel-colored moldings. Downstairs are found the family parlor, dining room, butler's pantry, company parlor, library, kitchen and pantry. Upstairs are four bedrooms, one with a fireplace. The two back rooms were used as servants' quarters with a staircase going down to the kitchen. There is a small basement under the kitchen, and a huge attic above. During the 1906 earthquake the chimney crumbled and fell through the skylight in the hall making dents in the upstairs railing which are still visible today. The roofing was then changed so that now the skylight is blocked from the outside.

On the back of the property is the carriage house with a weathervane perched above the unique curved roofing. The original horse stalls, with rooms adjacent for the farm stallion and for washing the carriages, are still intact. A huge hay-loft is above.

Neal McConaghy came to America from Scotland in 1848. In 1853, he left Philadelphia on a steamer bound for San Francisco. He held many jobs when he reached here including working in the mines on the Salmon River. In 1858, with five dollars in his pocket, he came to San Lorenzo where he went to work on a ranch. He saved his money and built a grist mill. Neal was successful during the next three years, and in 1865 he acquired 197 acres of land in San Lorenzo and began to raise grain and vegetables. These he sent to market in San Francisco by steamer from Robert's Landing at the foot of Lewelling Boulevard.

Neal married in 1863, and he and his bride Sarah McCaw built a home at the end of Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo. They lived there for twenty years and all of their five children were born while they lived in that home. In 1886 the house on Hesperian was built for the McConaghys by John Haar, Sr., who was a former mayor of Hayward.

The youngest child was John, who was 15 years of age when his father built the house on Hesperian. When John married Florence Smyth about 1912, they planned to build a home on Bockman Road. However, both his father and mother were ill, so he moved his new bride into the family home. John assumed responsibility for the farm after his father's death in 1914.

John & Florence continued to farm the land while managing other family holdings in San Francisco left to them by their Uncle Peter who had never married. They made frequent trips across the bay and to the surrounding countryside, always in a new Cadillac. Florence became ill in the early 1930's and died in 1939. After her death, John lived alone in the house except for a housekeeper, her husband, and a dog.

John & Florence never had any children. At his death in 1972 at age 100, he left the house and what remained of the ranch to the Crippled Children's Shrine Hospital. Citizens of Hayward and San Lorenzo organized and purchased the property in 1973. The Hayward Area Historical Society, & the Recreation & Park District now jointly maintain the house and grounds. The house has been restored room by room. Several clubs and civic organizations chose rooms of most interest to them and took the responsibility for restoration and refurbishing them under the direction of the Historical Society.

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### VELMA I. MCCONAHA PATTMANN

In May, 1979 Velma I. McConaha Pattmann (Mrs. Edward F.) passed away at age 77 in Johnson County Hospital, Franklin, IN. She was a life long resident of Indianapolis, a member of Olive Branch Christian Church, Lady Aberdeen Travel Study Club, Speakers Bureau, Indianapolis Council of Women Board of Directors, and a long-time member of the McConaughy Society of America. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, Betty Pattmann Sexson, grandchildren Lawrence R., Maryellen, and Edward J. Sexson, two great-grandchildren, all of Indianapolis, and a half-brother, Harold McConaha of Parksville, KY. Entombment was at Washington Park North Mausoleum, Indpls., IN.

Although your editor never met her personally, I received many encouraging phone calls from her over the years and will miss them very much.

### JOHN C. MCCONAUGHY

"John C. 'Mac' McConaughy, 72, who retired March 31, 1972, as news editor of The Dispatch (Columbus, OH) died Sunday (Feb. \_\_, 1979) at Riverside Hospital following a stroke earlier in the week.

"McConaughy of 5697 Dover Ct., Riverlea, joined the old Ohio State Journal in 1929 and was news editor when the Journal ceased publication in 1959. He then joined The Dispatch.

"Born in Ripley, OH, he worked on the Ohio State University student newspaper, the Lantern, as a student there in the 1920's. McConaughy spent a year on the Dayton Journal before coming to Columbus in 1929. While at the Ohio State Journal he covered police and city hall and served in several editing capacities. His jobs at The Dispatch included copy editor and telegraph editor before he became news editor. He was appointed editor of Riverlea's newsletter in 1975.

"McConaughy is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and two brothers, Robert F. of Middletown, OH, and Moore W., of Cincinnati. Private interment will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Rutherford-Corbin Chapel, 515 High St., Worthington, is in charge of arrangements.

"He was a member of Worthington United Presbyterian Church, Northern Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Press Club of Ohio."

### FLOYD MCCONAUGHY

From The Sun, Victorville, CA, May 19, 1979: "Floyd McConaughy, 74, of Victorville died Monday in Victorville hospital after a long illness. He was born in Moundridge, KS, and lived in Victorville two years. McConaughy was a hardware salesman before retiring.

"Survivors include his wife, Anna; three sons, Joseph Petralia of Plano, TX; Frank Petralia of Fresno, and John Petralia of Baldwin Park; three daughters, Elaine Delao and Catherine Petralia, both of West Covina and Nancy Kiecinlinski of Hacienda Heights; three sisters, Meta Bradford, Lola Carlile and Alene McCoy, all of Liberal, KS; and five grandchildren. Dudley Mortuary was in charge of services. Inurnment will be in Riverside National Cemetery."



JOHN C. MCCONAUGHY

BENJAMIN MCCONNAUGHEY

From a PA. newspaper, May or June 1979: "Brookville, PA (UPI) - Benjamin McConnaughey, 3, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson County, drowned in Red Bank Creek while attending a church picnic with his parents.

"David & Mary Lou McConnaughey reported their son missing about 1 p.m. yesterday. Canoeists found the boy's body face down in the creek after a two-hour search by Brookville police, volunteer firemen and a state helicopter."

Please note: From all of us, our heartfelt sympathy to David and Mary Lou.

MILTON JAMES MCCONNACHIE

From The Oregonian, Portland, OR, June 20, 1979: "A Portland carpenter, Milton James McConnachie of 8940 S. W. Coral St., died Saturday (June 16, 1979) in a Portland hospital. He was 70.

"Mr. McConnachie was born in Grand Forks, N. D. and had lived in the Portland area for 50 years. He was a U. S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Carpenters Local No. 226 since 1945.

"He is survived by his daughters, Melinda Wilhelmi, Jerri Monfils, Holly McConnachie and Joanne Sampson all of Portland, Loretta McConnachie of Honolulu and Maxine Pierce of Seattle; sons, Milton J., Jr. of Memphis, TN, and Scott of Portland; three sisters, and 10 grandchildren.

"Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Hennessey, Goetsch, and McGee chapel. Private burial will be in Willamette National Cemetery."

DALE I. MC CONAUGHY

Dale I. McConaughy, 60, of rural Fairfax, died Sunday (Feb. 4, 1979) at St. Luke's Hospital following a sudden illness.

Born July 10, 1918, at Anamosa, he married the former Mildred Ullrick on May 14, 1939, at Cedar Rapids. He was employed by FMC and had been a farmer. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, United Auto Workers Local No. 299 and was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Paul D. of Cedar Rapids; a daughter, Judy M. of Cedar Rapids, a sister, Lucille Benedict of Monticello; a brother, Kenneth of Morley; and two grandchildren.

Services were at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories by the Rev. Donald Glazier of Salem U. M. Church and burial at Cedar Memorial Park. Dale was the son of Clarence Gay McConaughy and Mary E. (Parmenter).

Commissariat of Glasgow, 1547-1800, cont. --

McConnochie, John, in Knokiscuit, par. of Straitoun	3 Mar. 1604
do., John, in Schalloche, par. of Straitoun	14 Mar. 1621
do., Jonet, spouse to Donald McRanking, in Coiff, par. of Kirkoswall, in Carrik	17 Aug. 1604
do., Margaret, spouse to Andrew Adam, of Balnoulaid, par. of Ballantine	6 Jan. 1620
do., William, in Schalloche, par. of Straitoun	25 May 1620

Commissariat of Edinburgh, 1514-1600:

McConochie, John, in Cruiffock, par. of Girton, Stewartry of Kirkcudbright	28 Dec. 1594
do., Gilbert, in Glencairrie, par. of Straitoun, in Carrick, his spouse Katherine McIlmartene	23 Nov. 1593

Commissariat of Edinburgh, 1601-1700:

McConachie, John, sailor in Leith	3 Dec. 1644
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The surname does not appear in the Edinburgh Commissariat index for 1700-1800. Nor does it appear in the existing records of the Commissariats of Orkney (1611-84) and Shetland (1611-50); Caithness (1661-64); Brechin (1576-1800); St. Andrews (1549-1800); Hamilton and Campsie (1564-1800); Lanark (1595-1800); Lauder (1561-1800); nor Peebles (1681-99). This does not mean that Mac Connachie never lived in these districts. It does seem clear however, that the name (and variants) is more prolific in the old Gaelic speaking areas of Scotland, including Galloway, a district of South-West Scotland, which includes Kirkcudbright. The variant McConchie is prevalent there. The Inverness-shire list of patronymics shows that the surname was not stabilised in the 17th century in that part of Scotland. If we take the example 'Agnes neyn James McConochie McGillespik in Inner wick, par. of Glenmorestoun' ('Agnes, daughter of James, son of Duncan, son of Archibald'), it is impossible to know from the indices if the surname stabilised itself under McConochie or McGillespik or even Mc Archibald. Clearly all McConochies do not descend from a common ancestor.

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About the Author: Following the publication of Bulletin #1, Mr. Whyte voluntarily wrote and donated an article about the 'Macconochies in Scotland' for the next Bulletin. Although received in December 1962, the next Bulletin did not come out until 1971, at which time his article was gratefully acknowledged and published.

When I contacted him earlier this year regarding a Scottish problem, he again volunteered to write an article for us, which was both generous and instructive!

Mr. White is a Founder Member of the Scottish Genealogy Society, a Fellow in Heraldry and Genealogy of the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, at Canterbury, Kent, a member of a dozen more historical and genealogical organisations, and author of numerous books and articles about Scottish genealogy including "Scottish Emigrants to America" and "Introducing Scottish Genealogical Research." (See under 'Books' for further information about the latter publication).

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Patronymics, cont. --

Agnes neyn Euir McEane, spouse to David McConochie  
McConer, in Clendo, par. of Abertarft 15 Sept. 1630

Jean neyn Donald McConochie, spouse to Alexander  
McMeir, in Daviot 15 Nov. 1630

Jonet neyn Donochie McAgo, in Ichill, par. of  
Abertarft 8 Dec. 1631

Agnes nein vic Gillichallum vic Conchy, spouse to  
John McRorie in Corrievernoch 16 June 1688

John McConchie vic Taves, in Inverness 1 Sept. 1669

Sweine McConchie vic Queine in Leathindy Veane 26 Oct. 1669

Marjorie Nein Donachy vic Clerich, spouse to James  
McEan duy vick Conachy in Beallit 11 Mar. 1678

Catherine nein Ean vick Finlay, spouse to John  
McEan vick Conchy, in Stroan 12 Mar. 1678

Elspet nein Alister vick Ean duy, spouse to John  
McConochie vick James, in Auchitemrack 1 May 1678

John McConachy vick William, in PFanblair 24 June 1678

Katherine nein Ean vic Ean, spouse to Donald Mc  
Phaill vic Conachy, in Dunturket 13 Mar. 1679

Elspet nein Doile duy, spouse to John McConachy vic  
Ean, in Ardblair 13 Nov. 1679

William McConachie wick Coill oig, in Rathemoon,  
his wife Elspet Grant 19 Oct. 1680

Duncan McCarry vick Conachie, in Dunnaughteen 29 Oct. 1680

Janet neen Donachie vick Ean duy, spouse to John  
Gordon alias McEwan duy in Baits 29 Oct. 1680

Commissariat of the Isles, 1661-1800:

McConachie, Donald, cordoner, burgess of Rothesay 9 Oct. 1663

do., John, late master of the Sloop 'Peggy,'  
of Rothesay, in Bute. 2 July 1793

do., John, in Kirereseiche, his spouse Janet  
Mc Tytre 8 Jan. 1664

do., John, in Kirrifairne, his spouse Janet  
Mc Intyre 8 Aug. 1662

do., Patrick, in Knaislagorarthie, his spouse  
Margaret McUrarthie 7 June 1661

Commissariat of Aberdeen, 1715-1800:

McConochie, Isobell, widow of David Coutts, wright  
in Aberdeen 6 May 1756

do., Peter, in Haugh off Edinglassie 30 Sep. 1771

Commissariat of Wigtown, 1700-1800:

McConchie, John, burgess in Whithorn 1790

Commissariat of Glasgow, 1547-1800:

McConochie, Catherine, relict of Andrew Wood, burgess  
of Rothesay 22 May 1655

do., Duncan, par. of Maybole 4 Dec. 1621

do., Gilbert, in McRoriestoune, par. of  
Maybole 21 Dec. 1669

do., Gilbert, of Daltanire, his spouse Marjory  
jory McWhirter 6 July 1661

do., Helen, spouse to John Craufurd, in Cul-  
doun, par. of Maybole 9 Dec. 1613

do., Hugh, merchant in Greenock 12 Feb. 1748

WAS ELLEN BERRY MC CONNAUGHEY REAL????

If you had asked me that LAST year, I would have said 'maybe.' Ellen Berry was mentioned ONE time in Klise's "History of Highland County, Ohio" published about the turn of the century as a young Scottish lass who stowed away and came to America where she met (by accident or design) one William McConnaughey, born about 1740, a native of Scotland. The account spoke of William and his brothers having a ship or ships and importing flax. One brother was said to have 'gone down with the ship', apparently putting them out of business. William and Ellen were said to have had seven sons, no daughters mentioned. At times in the past 20 years I have even doubted if William was real! However, in his defense, there was a William in Cumberland Co., PA in 1790 with 5 males under 16 and two females (indicating the strong possibility that there was at least one girl.) As most everyone knows by now, we had son David McConnaughey, b. 1776 and within the past 2-3 years identified son Andrew Duncan McConnaughey, b. ca 1783. The presence in the neighborhood of other unidentified McConnaugheys in PA, OH, and IA indicated that surely some other brothers married and had families.

For years I've had a close writing friendship with a cousin of my husband's who lives in Richmond, CA. She had a friend who had a McConnaughey marriage 'way back in her family; so finally wrote to me this year. She sent a two page copy of a Bible record which her mother, Ethel Burns Berry, copied in 1927, on April the 21st, from a Berry Bible in the possession of Myrtle Berry Taft in Molene, IL. Although many of you who are of this line already have this information, it is worth repeating and follows verbatim:

Dudley Berry (B) 1712 Mar. 1739 Margaret Bell (B) 1715  
mar. 2 time in 1765 to Elizabeth Dunn  
4 sons 1 daughter.

Richard	1740	B. York Co., PA
William	1741	" " "
Thomas	1744	B. Lancaster Co., PA
Ellen L.	1742	B. " " " m. W. T. McConnaughey
David	1771	B. Lancaster Co., PA
Elizabeth	1773	B. " " "

David Jasper Berry b. 1771 m. 1797 to Elizabeth Higgins. She came to America in 1774 or 1775 with her parents from Midlothian Co., Scotland. She was a small child. Her family settled in eastern Penn. had several children. Frank 1798; Ralph 1800, Elizabeth 1802, Richard 1802, Jane 1807, John 1809. Moved to Maryland when children were small.

William T. McConnaughey b. 1739 or 40, Inverness, Scotland came to America as a small boy about 16 years old. His father and brothers had a flax mill but he wanted to come to America. He married Ellen Berry, b. 1742, she was working in the rooming house where he got a room. He and his bride were blessed with several children. They all lived around Lancaster Co., Washington, PA. Some of the children are Robert b. about 1764, Elizabeth 1768, David, 1776, William, Margaret.

John Berry b. Dec. 18, 1809 in Lancaster Co., PA moved to Maryland near Baltimore. His brothers and father worked on the water front loading ships and repairing them. John Berry 1809 m. Elizabeth Bradley in 1835. Dtr. Irene born 1840, son Richard 1846, John Laurence 1849, Ashly 1854, all the children were born in Kentucky, Boone Co. and Bourbon Co., Ky. John died of typhoid fever in 1879. Elizabeth died three weeks later.

John Lawrence 1849 m. Johanna Riley, had 2 sons, 1 dtr.  
Edward T--- b. 4 Dec. 1876 Ludlow, Ky  
Myrtle Irene B. 1878 " "  
John Askly B. 1800 Topeka Kansas.

Thus ended the Bible record, but not out thoughts and imagination!  
Watch for later developments!!!!!!



LETTERS

Masonic Building  
Tyrone, PA., Nov. 28, 1932

Mr. S. C. McConahey  
Wilmerding, Penna.

My Dear Mr. McConahey:

I am now at the age of forty six, having been born and reared in this town (1886). My father's name is James Chauncey McConahy (or hay). He died in 1929 here at the age of 69 after having been in the retail shoe business for 50 years. His father's name was also James Chauncey McConahy, who died at the village of Mapleton (near Huntingdon, Pa.) about 1890 at the age of 60.

My father's mother died when he was an infant and he was taken to Lewistown, Pa., after the burial of his mother, and was there reared by his Aunt, by name Mrs. Kate Auner, and for this reason it seems my father lost interest in his direct family tree and failed to learn anything of his ancestry from his own father. From what I can learn, however, there is little doubt but that the family was very obscure. Nevertheless I am interested in the ancestry and I shall go to work and learn something of it. I shall file your letter and write you again sometime in the near future.

Sincerely yours,  
Signed: Chandler McConahay

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The following three items courtesy of Ruth Cummins of the Gettysburg line:

- 1.) Excerpt from a letter written by Florence Ferrier Mason (daughter of David, granddaughter of Sarah Ann McConaughy Ferrer) to her cousin, Mary Ferrier (daughter of James, granddaughter of Sarah Ann McConaughy Ferrer) dated 4 July 1946:

"Now about what we did & saw in Gettysburg, Pa., -- First we went to the Presbyterian Church where our Grandfather's cousin, Rev. David McConaughy preached 32 years. We met the Rev. Robert Hunt, young pastor, who had been in the service. We inquired about the McConaughys and were informed David McConaughy (brother of Mary McConaughy, had left Gettysburg to go to his daughter's in Conn. He was leaving for Europe to raise funds for a scientific research for the cure of leprosy. David had passed his 84th birthday (!) & in splendid health. (Mary McConaughy had suffered a stroke, was in the Presby. Home in Carlisle & was not expected to live. She had tried to interest the DAR in erecting a monument at her grave, when she died.)"

- 2.) A memo, undated: "Georgetown, Ohio, in the Castigator July 31, 1832.... William T. McConaughy. In 1835, a new church was formed with W. T. McC., James Baker, Ezekiel Miner, and Abraham Ellis, Deacons. Who was he? William T.?"

- 3.) Another undated memo: "Now here is one thing I can't see -- I have always been under the impression our first grandparents came here from Edinburg, but this record of David first, being born County Tyrone, Ireland, 1716 and our Samuel being born 1723, I presume in Gettysburg, that their father Robert McC. came to America after David 1st was born & before Samuel was born. Do you know that I am right about this?"

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Dublin, Ireland, April 2, 1967

Dear Chalmers,

I am afraid I have failed miserably in my quest! We left Belfast on Thursday for Letterkenny. That was a funny trip -- a train for 30 minutes, a bus met the train and we proceeded another 30 miles or so, changed again to another bus to the border where we changed again! This is the regular Belfast-Letterkenny route -- we did not go "as the crow flies"! However, it was fun (through very small towns and country) and the countryside is beautiful. It is lovely, rolling country -- looks very fertile, and is so green. The country looks rich (farming) but the small, old towns and the people in them look poor.

We arrived in Letterkenny early in the afternoon. The very nice owner of our simple, little hotel (Mrs. Grogan) told us where to find the Registrar. The registry building is so old that it almost looked like it would tumble down. Mr.

Commissariot of Kirkcudbright, 1663-1800, cont. --

McConchie or McConquhie

do.,	John, tidesman in Kirkcudbright	1792
do.,	John, in Spittle, his spouse Agnes McQunsie	1721
do.,	John, in Kirkbryde, his spouse Marion Stewart	1688
do.,	Marion, spouse to Robert McKennay in King's Laggan	1687
do.,	Nichollas, spouse to John Shennan in Barquhunock	1684
do.,	Thomas, in Lathintyre	1679
do.,	William, in Jennyfud, par. of Girthon	1740
do.,	William, of King's Laggan	1675

Commissariot of Dumfries, 1624-1800:

McConchie,	John, shoemaker in Hall of Spotts, his wife Jane Dronnon	24 July 1678
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Commissariot of Dunblane, 1539-1800:

McCondoquhy,	Malcom, par. of Kylmahug, his spouse Elizabeth Neilsone	c. 1557
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Commissariot of Dunkeld, 1682-1800:

McCondochie,	Agnes in Caputh, widow of William Chambers, portioner of Caputh in Atholl	8 Sept. 1767
do.,	Elsplet, in Haugh of Kilmorich	24 Oct. 1690
do.,	Thomas, in Gelliebanks	8 Mar. 1720

Commissariot of Inverness, 1630-1800:

McConachy,	Alexander voir, alias Grant, in Boladerin	13 Jan. 1676
do.,	Alexander, merchant, burgess of Inverness	20 Dec. 1737
do.,	Alexander, vic Gregore, in Muckarosh, his wife Agnes Ga	14 Feb. 1676
do.,	Angus, skinner, indweller in Inverness, and wife Margaret neyn Ean vic Rorie	7 Dec., 1632
do.,	Donald Vayne, in Altnaslanach, and spouse Jeane neyn Homas vic Gillirroy	24 Oct. 1666
do.,	James, in Interuglash, and spouse Greadach neik Comie	10 Jan. 1776
do.,	John, merchant, burgess of Inverness	28 Aug. 1669
do.,	Donald More, in Auchnaconeran	3 June 1668
do.,	John baine, in Tullochgorme	15 Oct. 1680
do.,	John, in Easter Lynevulg	3 Mar. 1720
do.,	Janet neyn Donald, spouse to Donald Paterson, wobster, indweller in Inverness	7 Dec. 1632
do.,	Marjorie, spouse to Alexander Paterson, merchant, indweller in Inverness	3 Feb. 1669
do.,	Mettie, spouse to William Monro, skinner, cordiner, burgess of Inverness	1 Sept. 1669
do.,	Robert, portioner of Easter Gellowy, par. of Duthall	1 Feb. 1669

Patronymics:

Agnes neyn	Donochie Vore, spouse to Agt McBean, in Delnahaburch, par. of Duthill	16 Aug. 1630
Agnes neyn	James McConochie McGillespik in Innerwick, par. of Glenmorestoun	16 Aug. 1630

MACCONNOCHIES IN OLD SCOTTISH TESTAMENTS

Donald Whyte, F.H.G., F.S.A.Scot.

Previous to 1823, testaments were confirmed (the term probated is not used) in Scotland by Commissary Courts, which were ecclesiastical in origin. This is not surprising when we consider that the church had jurisdiction because of its responsibility for faith and morals. As matrimony was a sacrament and a relationship involving questions of discipline, the church had competence in all cases concerning marriage and legitimacy, including actions for nullity and considerations of dowry. An allied department of jurisdiction related to moveable succession, with confirmation of testaments and the administration of intestate moveables. The system can be traced in outline back to the 13th century. The earliest surviving testaments commence before the Reformation of 1560: Edinburgh in 1514; Glasgow in 1547; Dunblane in 1539; and St. Andrews in 1549. The upheaval of the Protestant Reformation brought temporary confusion, but in 1564 a Commissary Court was established at Edinburgh, and among its powers was that of confirming testaments above a certain value. These courts continued until about 1823, when the business of confirming testaments was transferred to the Sheriff Courts. The surviving papers (registers, warrants, etc.), are now preserved in the Scottish Record Office, H.M. General Register House, Edinburgh.

Indices exist for all Commissariots down to 1800, and have been printed by the Scottish Record Society. For the period 1800 to the run down of the Courts, there are typescript indices at the S.R.O. It should be borne in mind that only moveables could be willed, and that Edinburgh often served as a general commissariat. Testamentary writings after 1823 will be found among Sheriff Court records, which may or may not be in the S.R.O. There were two kinds of testaments: Testamentary, where there is an executor nominated by latter will; and Testament Dative, where an inventory is given up by the person claiming right to 'intronet' with the deceased person's estate as nearest of kin or creditor - the person to be confirmed by the Commissary or his Depute.

The following is a list of all MacConnochie testaments existing before 1800, and is taken from the printed indices which were edited by FFrancis J. Grant. The spelling of the surname under each Commissariat appears to be that most commonly found in the record, but undoubtedly various spellings will appear in the actual records: McConochie, McKonochie, McConchie, etc. For a valuable list of variants, the reader is respectfully referred to George F. Black's Surnames of Scotland, published by New York Public Library.

Commissariat of Argyll, 1674-1800:

McConochie, Archibald, in Glennan, par. of Kilfinan	14 Apr. 1685
do., Janet, spouse to John McLartie, in Stockwillan, par. of Kilmory	27 May 1687
do., John, in Auchcrossan, and Isabel Hendry his wife	2 May 1695

Commissariat of Moray, 1674-1800:

McConachie, Donald, in Tyne of Carron, his wife Christian Cumming, par. of Aberlour	22 July 1685
do., James, in Line of Ruthrie	7 Oct. 1765
do., James, flaxdresser and tenementier in Huntly	11 Dec. 1798

Commissariat of Kirkcudbright, 1663-1800:

McConchie or McConquhie, Alexander in Culgruff	1676
do., Bessie, spouse to Andrew Millan in Grobdail	1683
do., James, in Achengasle	1687
do., John, merchant in Quarters of Gategall	1727

O'Boyce, the registrar, told us that no records in all of Ireland (public) were kept until 1864. He was awfully nice and we did have a nice chat with him. He sent us to Mr. John Moore, the publisher of the Donegal Democrat. Mr. Moore told us of the unofficial mayor of the town who is in close touch with Letterkenny Army Depot in Penna. He came to call on us that evening and we did enjoy his visit. He brought literature on the depot (which took almost all of the township). When we come home, I'll send it to you. By the way, his name is Patrick O'Donnell! Irish?!

I went to see the Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Russell. Again a blank -- the churches did not begin to keep records until 1844. Again I was told that before the mid 1800's, the only records are family records passed down through generations.

In all of Donegal, there is one name slightly resembling ours -- McConnaughy.

To me, the town looked very old and rather run-down & it is quite hilly. I asked how old Letterkenny is and was told it was quite a new town -- settled about 1600!! It seems a town isn't old unless it dates from 500 or 600 A.D.!

Ireland is beautiful -- the hills, bays, rivers, etc. I am so sorry that I was such a 'flop' as a researcher. We leave this evening for Wales by ferry. Will be back in London about the 12th. I am anxious to see what Mr. Clar sent -- it should be waiting.

Much love to all of you, "Frustrated Jane"! (i.e. Jane McConahey Churchill)

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The following letter was sent to Douglas McConaghy, October 30, 1978:

Dear Mr. McConaghy:

In reply to the letter we had from you a few days ago, I am afraid we will not be of much help to you in finding a branch of your family tree. None of the names you mention are familiar to us.

We are much interested in genealogy and my family has been traced back to 1666 when they came to England from France, but we know only recent history of my husband's family.

He was born in Ballycastle, County Antrim, North Ireland and came to this country when he was eleven years old, in 1907. He has no relatives on this side of the ocean. He can tell you nothing beyond the names of his father, William, and his grandfather, Joseph. He knows that originally they came from Scotland, and probably belong to the Robertson clan.

Since our marriage we have visited there twice, and our son and his two daughters were back there this summer. They met cousins they never knew they had, and saw the old home place, much the same as ever except for the thatched roof being replaced by slate and a range in the kitchen fireplace. He is principal of a high school in Marina Del Rey, California, and his daughters, unmarried.

My husband's home is on a hillside farm, where Scotland can be seen from his front door. It is not far from our president McKinley's ancestral home in Stranocum. McKinley was also of Scottish descent.

The family send us an Irish Newspaper and I frequently notice letters therein asking for news of American's "roots". It might be a lead for you. The paper is the Coleraine Chronicle, Coleraine, North Ireland. There are many McConaghys in and around Ballymoney and Bushmills as well as Ballycastle, N. Ireland.

We are familiar with the McConaughay Society at Indianapolis. I had written to them long ago telling them what little I could about our family. Sorry we are of no help to you, and we hope you are able to find some one who can give you the information you need.

Sincerely,  
ANONA MC CONAGHY (Signed)  
William & Anona McConaghy  
Bellflower, CA 90706

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The following letter was also to Doug McConaghy:

Mrs. Daniel (Mary) McConaghy  
9582 Maureen Dr.  
Garden Grove, CA 92641  
Dec. 20, 1978

Dear Cousin:

Please forgive me for not answering your very interesting letter. I have no excuse only it is a bad habit of mine to be late in doing things. I wish I could give you some information about my husband's ancestors, but I don't know much about them. My children are always asking me to find out what I can. They like to tell people they are of Scotch descent. My name was McDermott and I was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. I was living and working on Staten Island, New York when I met Dan, my husband, and we were married there and lived there for 13 yrs., before moving to Massachusetts where he died in 1948. He was only 45 yrs. old. I didn't learn to much about his family. Dan was the only member of his family to come to America. He came to a family named Tweed, friends of his mothers, in 1928 or thereabouts. I do know he was born on Princess St. in Port Glasgow July 8, 1903 and his father's name was Thomas, mother Jane O'Neal, had brothers named Hugh, Patrick, James; his father died young and if I am right so did his brothers, Hugh & Pat. Hugh had a son and daughter Cecilia, she was raised by her grandmother. James died a few years ago (1975) in England, where he went to live and was remarried after divorcing his first wife Alice. I used to write to Alice when Dan was alive, but after he died I got lax about writing. I was busy with my young children, my youngest child Rita was born 11 days after her father, Dan, died. Then about 10 or so years later I took a chance and wrote to Dan's cousin in Greenock, Margaret McClure. Luckily she was living at the same address, but seeing Dan was related to her on his mother's side O'Neil, she being a few years younger than Dan, she doesn't know much about his family and couldn't tell me where any of them lived. I have written to Maggie McClure, to ask her if she could get in touch with Dan's nieces or nephews, because in one of Maggie's letters she wrote that she had attended Cecilia's funeral and met some of Dan's family. My daughter, Rita, spent a few weeks at a college in Bradford, England, I believe it was in 1971 or 71; and one weekend she went to Scotland to visit Maggie and family, but did not have time to find out more or see her cousins, which made me a little disappointed, but she wanted to see Ireland and London in her short free time she had. I keep saying I am going to take a trip over there. I hope Maggie can get in touch with someone, because my children would like to know their first cousins. In 1957 my son Daniel, after getting out of the Airforce, came out to Long Beach with then his girlfriend Adele Dolan and her mother and father, they got married out here and their 3 children were born in Artesia, but Adele's mother & father went back to Mass. and Adele got homesick for her family; so Danny moved back there. He is a carpenter and has a nice home with lots of land (yard room). He never liked it how the houses are built so close to each other out here. He lives in North Andover, Mass. near my daughter, Rita, who is a school teacher with her husband and 3 little girls, Kathleen, Patricia (twins, 8 yr. old) & Lee Ann 7 yrs. old living in Andover, Mass. Another daughter, Dorothy Moore is now in Germany with her Husband Major Eddie Moore and her 4 children. I came to California in 1974 to be with my oldest daughter, Patricia Morley & family of 4 children, one of them, Glenn, is now going to college and working in a Marie Calander restaurant in Eugene, Oregon. I don't know if Eugene is anywhere near you or not, but I understand it is lovely country up around there. I would like to take a trip up that way some day. Right now I keep busy and happy going to the Senior Centers.....I think Dan had an Uncle Dan, don't know if he was Dan's father or mothers' brother, but I had the idea he left Scotland and went to Australia....Who knows, I may attend one of the McConaghy clan reunions if I am lucky enough.

Love, Mary

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16624 Bryant Street  
Sepulveda, CA 91343  
June 10, 1979

Mrs. Patricia M. Gregory

Dear Pat,

I am sorry, I thought I gave a report on our Scottish trip.. a really wonderful time.

After our tour of Scandinavia, we flew to London to take the train to Edinburgh, Scotland. The train was capable of traveling 125 miles per hour and was billed as the "Journey Shrinker". It was a beautiful 5½ hour trip. Very comfortable, and tea and biscuits were served at our seats.

\*Donald & Mary Russell, 2081 W. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62704.

\*James L. & Alice J. Davis, Indpls., IN

\*Ivan & Pat Benedict, 1023 Ontario, Port Huron, MI 48060.

\*Thelma Coons Elliott, 4644 So. Adobe Ct., Littleton, CO 80123.

Chuck & Helen Robertson, 961 Woodruff Place, Indpls., IN 46201.

"ALMOST" GATHERED!

Fran & Mack Bounds, 715 E. Washington St., Shreveport, LA 71104; cancelled due to illness.

Dr. Robert S. McConaughy, Children's Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; who had a last minute change of plans.

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OUR FIRST "SCOTTISH FAIR"

Last fall Kate & Alan Thomas visited Randy and Corinne McConahay in Illinois & attended a "Scottish Fair" in Chicago, bringing back some special items and a lot of information including the address of "East of Hebrides", 6144 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19120 where Bill Reid (Sr. and Jr.) put a lot of thought into their selections for Scottish Fairs all over the country.

I contacted Bill Reid, Sr. last fall and we kept up a running correspondence from then 'til August when the two large boxes of 'goodies' arrived. There were about 250 items, most priced under \$12. The least expensive were 75¢, the most expensive were \$40 and worth every penny!

There were Irish linen towels, mostly with Scottish motifs; so gorgeous they begged to be framed! English coins that were hand-enameled, baked between each color, set in acrylic, framed in sterling and very precious! Pewter jewelry with unusual stones; tams; scarves; t-shirts (children's) with "Scotland Forever" on the front; lovely small scented soaps, great for sachets; and many, many other things. About half of the items were sold, which we consider a good beginning.

If those who were here have 'second thoughts' about items, most can be obtained through the Society office (HERE, that is!) and the profit goes in the treasury.

For those who were unable to attend, if you have a special request or interest, let me know and we may be able to provide that for you, too.

Plans are already in the making for a repeat next year with some things that will be different and some repeats, of course. Throughout the year we will try to mention some new things in the 'Disa & Data' letters; so try to write once a month and see what's going on, won't you?

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JACKSON DRAFTING SERVICE, 9214 Hillside Ave., Shreveport, Louisiana 71108 offers some really nice 'family trees'. Members present at the 1977 Gathering will remember some of them which Frances Bounds presented as gifts and door prizes.

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CUMMINS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

We are happy to announce that 1 July, 1978 to 30 June 1979 was the charter year of the CUMMINS FAMILY ASSOCIATION. CUMMINS FAMILY ASSOCIATION organizing. Membership cordially invited from those named Comyn, Commins, Cumin, Cuming, Cumming, Cummings and all Septs or with ancestor of eligible name. Plan to have a Newsletter with Queries.

For information contact: Robert Lee Cummins, 28646 Harvey Ave., Hayward, CA 94544, President

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## 'GATHERERS,' 1979

'For the record', herewith we present those who attended the 1979 McConnaughey Gathering at one or all of the various functions. The order given is generally in the order pre-registrations were received:

Sister Margaret Teresa McConaughy, 1635 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Pat McConnaughay Gregory, P. O. Box 27051, Indpls., IN 46227

Warren Russell Gregory, same as above

Kenneth J. Gregory, 1722 S. Meridian St., Indpls., IN 46225.

Debbie (Chipper) Wieckert, 5549 B Rue Royale, Indpls., IN 46227.

Patricia Gregory Iaria, Peter Iaria, Joseph Peter Iaria, Peter Gregory Iaria, 5235 Southdale Drive, Indpls., IN 46217.

Kathryn Gregory Thomas, Alan M. Thomas, Joseph A. Thomas, Ann Marie Thomas, 2804 S. Meridian St., Indpls., IN 46225

Clyde McConnaughay, 719 Lincoln, Dixon, IL 61021.

Warren Roy Gregory, P. O. Box 27051, Indpls., IN 46227

Martha Gregory Piercefield & Richard A. Piercefield, 4187 Weaver, Indpls., IN 46227.

John Gregory, 2137 S. Pennsylvania St., Indpls., IN 46225.

Tom Gregory, P. O. Box 27051, Indpls., IN 46227.

Betty Maconaghy Kienzle, 636 Penna. Ave., Prospect Pk., PA 19076.

Betty Matthews, 1428 W. Main, Shelbyville, KY 40065.

Dr. William McConnell McConahey II, 1122- 6th St., SW, Rochester, MN 55901.

Tom & Gleeda McConahay, 6215 Washington Blvd., Indpls., IN 46220.

\*Michael, Kim, and Casey McConahay, children of Tom McConahay, Jr. of New Jersey (Grandchildren of Tom & Gleeda McConahay).

\*Robert & Winifred McConeghy, 1940 So. Tam-O-Shanter Ave., Tucson, AZ 85710.

Thelma McConnaughey O'Conner Cooper, 3827 S. Memorial Dr., Newcastle, IN 47362 AND 3850 13 Ave., N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713.

\*J. W. & Boots McConnaughay, 3035 Scheibler Rd., Memphis, TN 38128.

Stuart Alyn McConaha, 906 Harney, Lebanon, IN 46052.

Randall & Corinne McConahay, 625 Riverside Dr., Libertyville, IL 60048.

\*Joe & Mary Jane McConahay, 2830 E. 67th St., Indpls., IN 46220.

\*Berniece (Bea) McConahay (Mrs. Charles), 121 Longview Road, Sebring, FL 33870

\*Dorothy (Dottie) McConahay (Mrs. John E.), daughter-in-law of Bea, also from Florida.

Rebecca A. Wade, 5217 Turtle Creek #4, E., Indpls., IN 46227.

Robert & Marthellen Hogue, 222 Perrin Ave., Mulberry, IN 46058.

Esther L. McConnaughay, 1205 N. Hayes Street, W. Lafayette, IN 47904.

Betty & Don Johnson, Hoit House, Geneseo, IL 61254.

Edinburgh is a bustling . . . happy . . . compact . . . very old . . . city. On our first evening we attended their annual "Military Tattoo" (outdoors in a slight rain) which is a ceremonial performance of military music by bands of the many Scottish regiments . . . all in full dress. We could sense the pride of the people in their Scottish heritage.

We did see the Loch Ness Monster . . . she was a waitress in the dining room of the colorful "Old Waverly" hotel where we stayed. Her attitude toward the patrons was unbelievable . . . and really made dining an event. Some one nicknamed her the Loch Ness Monster!

There are many things to do and see which I won't recount here. We did go by train to Saint Andrews and visited the University . . . had a nice chat with the Secretary. I spent some time in their large library searching out my name . . . nothing.

In Edinburgh I went to the address I had for the Clan Donnachaidh Society but found only an empty building. There was no Society listed in the phone book. The hotel porter, an interesting old Scotsman, had never heard of it. I went to an old building, the repository of ancient records, where I was handed a book published by the New York Times . . . they said that was their authoritative source. Every one I talked to in my search assured me that my name was Scottish (although I had never seen it) and of the Robertson clan.

You may recall that my initial interest was to determine whether my name was Scottish or Irish. After the week in Scotland (that's all the time we had) we flew to Dublin and toured Ireland (Irish Free State) for a week. Ireland was beautiful, also, and the people so friendly. I continued my search in the phone books of every city we visited, and spent considerable time inspecting the ancient records of Dublin Castle. Those people were very helpful but came to the conclusion that there were no McConnaughys in the Iris Free State . . . but there may be some of Scottish origin in Ulster!

So . . . I am convinced my name is Scottish. And, my visit to Scotland has made me very proud of my Scottish heritage. I would surely recommend a visit to Scotland for all who haven't been there. It will do something to you.

Sincerely,

VIRGIL McCONNAUGHY

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*16<sup>th</sup> June 1979*

*Thank you for your notice of the Gathering for 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August. I will write later to you.*

*Stewart*

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Some months ago your editor began typing segments of the 10th Bulletin, ~~fin~~ing them away for future compilation. Suddenly, the other day, I counted the pages and it's almost done! Not only that, but 'over-done!' So, some 'cuts' are necessary. One will be an abbreviated report of the 1979 Gathering as we want you to come 'see for yourself' in 1980! So, this is just a bit of what went on (the list of those in attendance is elsewhere in this issue) --

Wednesday Pres. Clyde McConnaughay arrived to assist in the last minute preparations. Thursday J. W. & Boots McConnaughay and Bea McConahay arrived and by Friday night most were here. Indiana has been beset with WATER from the sky for a long time and we about held our breath since the yard was too wet to put tables up and the only other spot was the drive-way at the office. Fortune smiled upon us -- the rain stopped in time to set up tables and held off until after we had eaten; whereupon we adjourned to the house for further conversation. Tables and chairs had been rented and our faithful housekeeper, Lula Bentley, rented white linen tablecloths as her contribution to the Gathering, for which we were most grateful. Turkey barbeque and sliced turkey furnished the main course. There were a variety of other side-dishes, cool drinks, etc. and everyone seemed hungry AND satisfied.

Saturday morning we had rolls and coffee at the Hilton in our meeting room while the Scottish Fair items were set up. This allowed time for informal discussion and final planning, as well as a good look at the Fair items offered. (More about them elsewhere in the Bulletin.) Practically everyone had brought items for favors, door prizes, or the Auction. We discovered we should have appointed ONE person to take these items and list them -- too late for this year; so we have to say "THANK YOU, to EVERYONE who sent or brought items for door prizes, gifts, favors, and/or the Auction." There were at least three favors for each person, plus at least one door prize per person.

Following the noon cold buffet, which was nice as usual, we had a brief greeting by the President then an informal and informative talk with color slides of the International Gathering of the Clans in Nova Scotia by Bob McConeghey of Tucson, Arizona. A handkerchief (Scottish motif) went to the youngest girl, Becky Wade. A tiny Scotsman went to Petie Iaria as the youngest boy. Sandra McConahey's lovely hand-crafted ginger jar went to Sr. Margaret Teresa McConaughy as the oldest present. Here my mind 'falters', but I think that Bob McConeghey won for the longest distance and that it was a Clan map. I'm sure someone will correct me if I'm wrong!

In all this, I had mislaid my 'red folder' of notes, etc. and was really in a quandry. Fortunately, it surfaced before the evening meeting and all was not lost. There was a short 'free' period in the afternoon, then a fellowship hour, followed by another nice buffet with four entrees, topped off by the Gordon Pipers and those wonderful bag-pipes!

At the final brief business meeting, it was decided to up the dues to \$12 per year in 1980; continue the monthly 'Disa & Data' letter, sent to those who write during the month (so write to me if you want it!); seek a new location, still in Indpls., for 1980, the dates being August 8th and 9th; awarded Chuck Robertson his Honorary Membership; and defined 'Society membership.'

Clyde was again the auctioneer and additional funds were raised from the auction of several sets of steak knives with 'McConnaughay' on the blade (from K. E. McConnaughay, Inc. & Esther L. McConnaughay); a wool afghan by Sr. Margaret; a red & pink afghan by Bessie McConnaughay (Clyde's wife); a hand-crafted ceramic Christmas tree light by Sandra McConahey; a plaid 'body-comforter' from Esther L. McConnaughay; two plaid luncheon sets (thermos & sandwich case) by the Society; a micro-wave 'slow-cooker' by Al McConaha; a latch-hook rug by Sr. Margaret; and I know some have been inadvertently missed. Tell me -- I'll give credit next year!!

We began to 'wind down' a bit on Sunday, though 10-12 or more came to the office and did some checking, for which we were grateful, of course. Thelma Elliott (who made the trip from Littleton, CO on crutches!) was last to leave on Monday and she went on to Ohio to check out our common 'home-ground', Hillsboro, Ohio in company with her sister, in spite of the continued rainy weather.

What can I say? It was GREAT! And, if the others didn't agree with me, they were certainly good actors! Our post-Gathering mail indicates that my opinion was shared by many. Won't you plan to join us in 1980? Get a family group together and 'you all come!' or, if that can't be done, pass the kitty and send at least one family member representative so you will know what it's all about.

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Pres. Message, p. #2

For you who are new members, I would like to say that our dues for 1979 are only \$10 and with your membership will come the bulletin for that year, unless you would prefer to have another edition. Should you need some of our older bulletins, just talk to Pat and I am sure that she can explain for you.

Those of you who haven't been to the office or Library, must try and see it before you leave. We are adding to it as more information comes in. In fact, there is on file there a letter from a Rev. Ernest MacConaughay who wished everyone to know of his SCOTCH ancestry. In a letter he wrote to a distant cousin of mine in 1962 when he was 62 years old he wrote a few thoughts which I believe expresses the thoughts of a lot of us today. I read from his letter: "Each and every one of us has a Pedigree so ancient that we can look upon Queen Elizabeth of England as a Royal upstart of no great family. Many persons of our Celtic blood do not realize that next to the Greeks and Romans that we have the oldest history of any European Race. We also were the first to develop Literature." Quite a few impressive thoughts even back in those days.

As we have several things that we must get done I will now see just what the program calls for next so again, thanks to all of you for coming.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, August 11th, 1979

Pres. Clyde McConnaughay's addresses to the 4th Annual McConnaughey Gathering in Indianapolis, IN:

Post-Luncheon Greeting

When Pat asked me to say a few words to all of you here today I was left rather speechless as most of you who know me know that I am a rather bashful person when I get up before a crowd and not being known as much of a talker, I started to decline, but as Pat has done so much for me, I felt that I should try and help her out.

Now, when I was a student at the Upper-Crust College of Hard Knocks, I became quite interested in Famous Men and their Speeches; so I felt if I can get the old Memory Bank to go back a short spell, then I am sure to find something. After deliberating for some time on Honest Abe Lincoln's famous address of "Four score and some odd years ago", I gave it up as being a little too old-fashioned for these modern days of Hippies, Swingers, and Roll-and-Rockers; so probing a little farther back in time, I was sure that I had just what I wanted. Now, I would like to say here that to you younger people out there that you will find that after you have called upon the old brain or mind for a bit over 'three score and ten' years, such as I have done -- you will find that the old memory isn't just what it used to be and you might get some of your facts mixed up. I am not so sure, but feel that it must have been a Scot who said at a gathering of some kind: "Friends, Irishmen and all of my fellow Scots out there, lend me your ears." Now, everyone knows what a Scotsman thinks about loaning anything; so I gave that up for who is going to give up their ears! As time was getting short and nothing to say, I called Pat for advice and she advised me to get a Webster 'under the bridge' dictionary and start from there. You know, I believe that she was right; for after burning the candle at both ends for a week or so, I finally believe that I have it. Whereas, In-so-far, and in-as-much as we are all descendants of the same great clan, so wouldn't we be Cousins? To all of you who have been with us before and to all of you who are making your first visit in behalf of all of the officers plus all members of our society, we would like to say: "HELLO, COUSINS, AND WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR FOURTH GATHERING!"

Evening Address

To those of you who were unable to be with us for the Noon Luncheon, we welcome you. To those who were unfortunate enough to have had to listen to me then, I promise that I will be real brief for you know that I am a man of few words. First, I do think that we owe a very big THANK YOU to a person whose love for our Society has kept it going all these years and who again played a very large part in getting this, our Fourth Gathering, together; so let's give a BIG THANKS to Mrs. Warren (Pat) Gregory and her wonderful Family for all that they have done to make this a success and a real Welcome. Also, to the officers, decoration committee, and all of you who have helped in many different ways.

To those of you who are just beginning the tracing of your family ancestry, I welcome you to our Society. I will say to you that you are going to have some very rewarding, interesting, and exasperating experiences. There will be times when things are so well understood that you will wonder HOW come you did not know that beforehand. Then, you will run up against a 'stonewall' so you think, when there is just no 'news' around, when out of a clear sky someone will find a trace of a relative and send it on to you and you are back to searching more files, censuses, and cemeteries trying to find others so you do have to have patience. I believe that I would have quit two years ago if Pat hadn't kept me on my toes with the advise of "Keep searching". It has been just recently that more of my own family was found by one of our members who was searching for some of his relations in Iowa and I never had known what had happened to this cousin.

It is through the sale of old Bulletins and Membership dues that we keep our Society in the black, so when you get back home, talk to those relatives and tell them about our Society and also mention that our library is open to all and is free. Our members are encouraged to send in any information that they acquire and we try to file it with that particular McConnaughey family.

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THANKS to all of you who send items, obituaries, newspaper and magazine clippings of all kinds, names and addresses -- it all helps.

Have some one write up your family reunions.

Write up attendance at special events for the "We Are There" section.

Send favored recipes for "What's Cookin'?"

Keep in touch!!

Above all -- make your plans now to attend the 1980 FIFTH ANNUAL MC CONNAUGHEY SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. GATHERING!

We're still 'corresponding' with Uncle Sam about 'tax-exempt' status and hope that we will have than completed before the end of this year.

Send charts, ask questions, tell us what you want for the Gathering and for the Bulletin and for anything else. We need your input to do a really good job.

If you have a special area in which you are willing to assist, let me know!

See you in 1980, if not before!! Be sure to stop if you come our way and see what we're doing!!

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