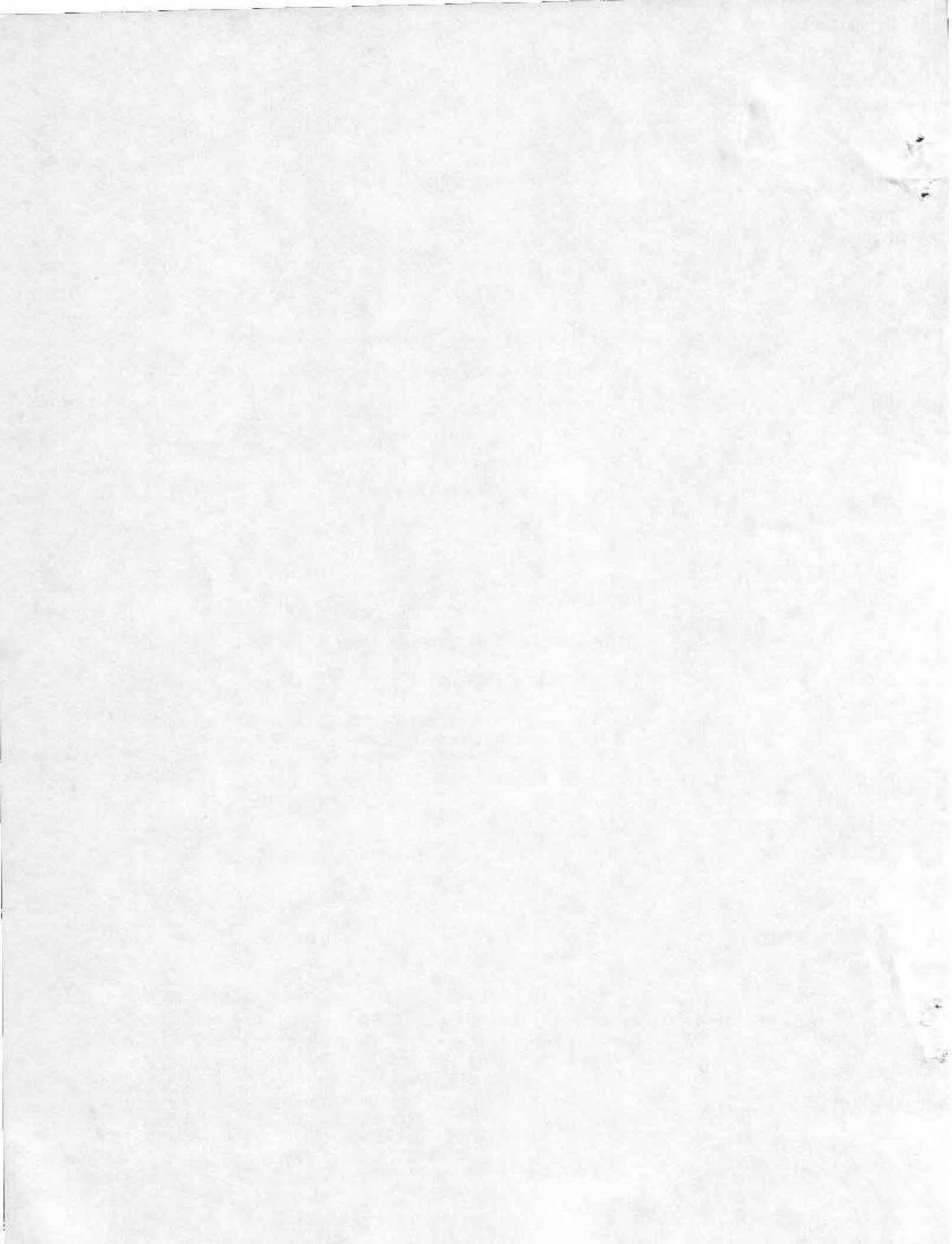


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There are various 'tid-bits' scattered throughout the bulletin as 'surprises' or 'bonuses'! The Bulletin is what you make it -- your letters, research, clippings, etc. so start sending now for 1984.

BUSINESS PAGE

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1983:

Received from Dues & Donations, 1983		\$6,791.24
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Research	\$1,472.91	
Postage, supplies, ads	1,094.74	
Fees & Phone	56.08	
Typing & Printing	1,011.56	
Gathering & Fair	2,323.17	
Miscellaneous	207.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$6,165.46</u>	-6,165.46
Total surplus, 1983		<u>\$ 625.78</u>

<u>ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES:</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>END OF YEAR</u>
Total Assets	\$10,735.93	\$11,454.48
Total Liabilities	821.05	425.30
Net Worth	<u>\$ 9,914.88</u>	<u>\$11,029.18</u>

We had 140 members at the end of 1982 and were to 150 shortly after the beginning of 1983. Membership tends to be about the same this year -- we're at 140 now!

The monthly newsletter has grown and, I hope, has improved as well. We still need your input to make it truly successful. I don't intend to repeat everything in the monthly newsletter in the bulletin, so better read them both!

Although we had many members in the 'retiree' category, our revenue was up over the last two years! The end result, however, was about the same, but we continue to have 'money in the bank' and are able to do most of the things we need to do, like continuing the Salt Lake City project, census collection, Civil War records, etc.

Look elsewhere in the book for the QUILT PROJECT for 1983! It will take thirty of us doing one square a piece to make the quilt, but we'll then raffle it off and hope to make a real profit for a unique quilt!

Arizona had two meetings this year. If you live in Arizona, get in touch, they need you, too! Since none of the projects I have suggested heretofore have been considered suitable -- maybe a quilt project, like above, would do the trick?

The North Ireland chapter is still a 'gleam in Ronnie's eye', but he is serious! Jane Hoffman, his cousin, spent some time with him in Ireland this fall and learned first hand some of the frustrations of research in Ulster Ireland!

## GATHERING, 1983

As always, coming down to 'post time' and I was feeling 'low' and afraid of failure, etc., etc. when on Tuesday a.m. comes a call from Belfast, North Ireland. In March, Bessie McConaghey of County Tyrone, North Ireland suggested that I write to Walter Love who has a call in program on BBC which is very popular in the British Isles. She thought I might be able to spark some interest & get some more help in Ireland and Scotland. I did write, also sending a copy of the Bulletin to show we weren't strictly 'fly-by-night' of the Beatrice Bayley/Halbert's class; but did not here from Mr. Love. The call from from Martin Smith, Producer of the Walter Love Show called 'Day by Day'. He talked to me at length, asking questions, etc. and finally asked if I would be 'willing' to participate in their program by telephone. Silly question! The time (here) was 5-6 a.m. and those of you who know me know I am better at late than early! In spite of that, I awoke without an alarm clock,, had a couple of cups of coffee before they called. Andy's wife Pat and son Steve were at the Belfast studios. We were on 15-20 minutes and all about the McConaughy Society! It was really exciting! Andy & his family called on Friday to wish us good luck for the Gathering and they had had three calls already from people who heard the program. I've had three letters so far,

1. Geraldine Donaghy, Armagh
2. Michael McConaghy, Lurgan, Co. Armagh
3. Florence McConnaughie, Ballyclare, Antrim (Aunt by marriage of Rev. Andy McConnaughie)

Naturally, I responded to all three and sent each a sample bulletin as well. To date -- no further correspondence. Since letters don't always get there, will follow-up soon to see if they did get my letters, etc.

Wed. afternoon Clyde McConnaughay arrived from Dixon, IL while I was still on Cloud 9!

Thursday we got into the 'last-minute' arrangements and were joined by Ruth & Ron McConaughy from St. Louis, first-timers at the Gathering. So we went over some of their material and were trying to place the line. I had corresponded with Ron's father, uncle and wife (Ruth) in the years before, but never 'in depth.'

Prudie McCreight, Clyde's cousin, and her son, Kevin, arrived from Springfield, IL early Friday and Kevin gravitated to the pool, Prudie to the files! She had worked the area where Ron's family lived, so started pulling out things for them to copy. By Sunday we knew where they came from in Ohio and I then was able to connect them to the Ligonier line that was in Guernsey Co., OH before Illinois! It was very exciting

As the day progressed, they began coming in faster and faster. Beatrice Mull of the Gettysburg line, National Chaplain of the Daughters of the Union Army & great granddaughter of William Forsythe McConaughy, Civil War veteran arrived with her granddaughter, Cindy Bonner of Edinburgh, IN, their first time. Bob & Win McConeghey and their grandson, Eric Carlstadt, arrived from Tucson, AZ where Bob & Win live,, on their way to Newark, NJ where Eric lives. He and grandson Joey Iaria soon joined Kevin for a real pool party, getting out only long enough to eat. (What ever happened to don't go in the water until an hour after you eat??) Sheila & Charles McConaghy came for the first time from Chicago, Illinois and their line is fascinating and 'new' to me; so I'm really anxious to know more about it and hope they do keep in touch and remember to clue me in on what they do have now -- I love to add new lines to my collection and try to help them add



to their own line. Sheila brought some Irish soda bread with currants and raisins which was sinfully good! Also come tea from Lurgan, a very appropriate auction item. Betty Matthews (Springfield, KY) here for the 8th time, being a very faithful one, which we appreciate! Bob & Marthellen Hogue (Mulberry, IN) came for their 1st time on Friday night (they have always appeared for a while on Sat.). Tom & Gleeda McConahay, Chuck, Helen, & Andy Robertson and Andy's girlfriend were here Frid. night. Sister Margaret was happy to be here for the 5th time, from Pittsburgh, PA -- bringing her welcome gift of home-baked bread! I have a couple of good stories about the bread alone! Cincinnati & Ohio were represented by David McConnaughey & his two Bettys' -- wife Betty McConnaughey & sister Betty McConnaughey Frvman Frances Bounds (Shreveport, LA) has finally conquered her health problems and we were so glad she & Mack were back! Florence Post (Hot Springs, AR) came with them & they were then headed east to see some of the family in West Virginia. I suspect that the Ligonier line was the best represented this year. (I forgot to mention that's Betty Matthew's line, too). Ligonierer Jim Moore and wife Emmy Lou over for the 2nd time from Decatur, IL. We also had two sets of Mr. & Mrs. Warren Gregory, Mr. & Mrs. John Gregory, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Piercefield, Tom Gregory and friend, Liz, four Jarias and four Thomases plus a fe (3) grandchildren Gregory -- all still Friday night. Wrg fixed barbequed pork-chops and barbecued turkey --lots of goodies went down the tubes. We split upfairly early, anticipating a full day Saturday.

#### McCONNAUGHEY DAY, 1983!!!

By 9 a.m. most of us had assembled at the Holiday Inn southeast and they had neat little rolls, coffee, and tea for us, as well as orange juice. The girls got busy and set up the items for the Scottish fair plus a table of items for a 'silent auction' -- You bid by name and/or number in writing, instead of the 'hollering' kind, but we thought it would save time. The donations for both the auction and door prizes were interesting, often unique, and varied as well as generous. I tried to keep track, tried to have someone else keep track, and have to admit (sadly) didn't get it done! Who will volunteer to 'take care of door prizes and auction items' in 1984? On Sat. we were joined by Al McConaha (Wayne Co., IN line), Bev Covault-Warthman and husband Virgil of the John the Covenanter line; Norma McConnaughay Lundberg & Elliott and her cousin Eva McConnaughay Peterson and Wilbur all from the vicinity of Batavia, IL and the 'hh' line. Friends Janie & Jerry Ortner and their two youngsters joined us in the evening. Janie wants to keep the Scottish heritage in the girls' lives and we agree. The only 'no-show' we haven't accounted for yet. Oh, I know who, just not why they didn't come. Maybe next year? More than compensating for that was the unexpected arrival of Andrew and Elaine McConnaughey from Michigan and Florida! He has often mentioned coming, but decided suddenly and we are so glad they did. I certainly hope that they were glad, too.

Fran Bounds had a morning talk on Military Records, which she embellished with some of her records, neatly protected and labelled and all -- made me want to get back and get busy on mine! Her many personal stories added lightness, but will help us remember some very excellent pointers when we are researching. We were fortunate to have her. We had a cold lunch buffet after a brief break and the food was quite good as it was last year. I particularly like the young staff they have -- quite helpful and eager to please. The afternoon involved a very short and unbusinesslike business meeting -- the only kind I tolerate very well! We did get suggestions and ideas, as well as questions and, all agreeing that Committees are not much fun, we managed to get three volunteer Co-ordinators to help with preliminary preparations in 1984. I think it was Al McConaha, Bev Warthman, and ----- one more!!

The quilt project sounds like it will be a winner and Bev Warthman and Gleeda McConahay are 'Co-ordinators' on that one and signed up over a dozen volunteers to do a square each! Still need some more of you out there to complete it, however, so step right up and sign your name!! We hope to complete this to raffle off at the next Gathering.

The membership list is now on the computer! Also the 'Disa & Data' list. These are not the same because of the 'birth-date' dues payments. With the computer, we can even note the birth-date expiration once we put it in; so, please send your birth-dates to me as soon as possible and your telephone number. These days we find it much cheaper to dial direct or use our MCI service than Indiana Bell and right now the phone would be useless if it weren't for the direct dialing. The strike is really having an effect. So -- if you will, please, immediately send your birth-date and your phone number and your spouses' birth-date, too, since there is room for that also -- might as well put it in!! The machine will also print the labels for the monthly newsletter, a big time-saver. In the process of putting the names in the machine, I found three duplicate payments; so three of you will have some money coming back.

We gave a 'push' for the business card collection. We are collecting business cards of McConnaugheys. Some descendants have also sent cards; so we have a 'dual' collection -- McConnaughey and McConnaughey descendants!

We still need the records of your local area. Things that will probably not be elsewhere. This is the way to find the ones we have lost in our ancestry. Also anything of, for, by & about McConnaughey. Lots of you brought things last week-end and I did and do appreciate it.

Just glancing around, I thought that Illinois and the Navy predominated. Actually, I think those who had been in the Navy tied with those who had been in the Army, but Illinois had the most 'delegates' from any one state. There were 12 states represented.

The financial report wasn't the greatest. We took in \$6,791.24 in 1982 and spent \$6,165.46. Almost \$1,500 for research, over \$1,000 for postage and supplies and ads; \$56.08 for phone & fees; over \$1,000 for typing & printing (mostly printing -- I do the atrocious typing!), over \$2,323.17 for the Gathering and Fair and \$207 Miscellaneous. We took in less than usual and spent more (due to the bonus book), but we are still solvent.

Betty Matthews, Southern V. P., was the only V. P. present! Jane Hoffman is preparing for a trip to Ireland; Louise Covault is with her mother to celebrate her 92nd birthday; and we didn't hear from Harold McConahay -- hope he's well! Betty gave her report and she continues to work for new members and still needs your help!!

I advised everyone that the Salt Lake City research continues and is presently centered around the census records. Won't it be something when we have them all done and indexed?

The oldest in attendance was Florence Post, 87, followed by Beatrice Mull, 84. The youngest had to be Paula Ann Gregory, 2½ weeks old, followed by her cousin, Laura Ann Piercefield, 4 months old. We recognized the two young men, Kevin McCreight and Eric Carlstedt, as the youngest (outside of the Gregory family!). I think (?) we recognized the youngest female, outside of the family, as Sheila McConaghy. Sheila, if you did not get a prize -- let me know -- you have one coming! Likewise, I don't remember giving Bob & Win McConeghy a prize for being from the furthest away!!

We had 'Clyde's Time' for him to revive some of his vaudevillian talents and generally 'shoot the breeze'. Although we were not in collusion, both Clyde and I appealed for 'help' for the future as it does get pretty busy and pretty tired, too.

There was a brief respite, followed by the cocktail hour and a lovely buffet. The chef made a trifle (dessert) at my request and it was great! Then came the Pipers! Gordon Diehl out-did himself! I couldn't decide whether the treasury would (or would not) be able to handle the expense. I finally made the decision on Monday before the Gathering that it would; called Gordon and asked for anything, but at least one piper, if nothing else. He had a group of about 15 & a good show -- three dancers!

You really have to be there to have the feeling! I hope you have enough of it to want to be with us next time! -- Aug. 10-12, 1984.

Bob Hogue said Grace Friday night, Beatrice Mull Sat. noon, and Sister Margaret in the evening.

Bob McConeghy, President, presided over the business meeting and also reported on the activities of the Arizona Chapter.

Some stayed and worked through Sunday, capped by a meal of 'left-overs' (from Friday) at the house. Monday everyone had moved on and we were again faced with the necessity to clear off the desk and get to work! It's a hard act to follow!

WE POINT WITH PRIDE!!!



Note: Bob Hogue is the son of the later Felicia McConahey Hogue

**HONORED BY PURDUE AGS** — Holding their certificates of recognition are the five men who were honored by the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association at its annual Fish Fry held during Farm Science Days at Purdue University. They are, seated from left: Russell G. Mawby chief executive officer of the Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Mich.; Orville Redenbacher, gourmet popcorn developer of

Coronado, Calif.; and Louis McKee, Attica, farmer and soil conservation leader. Standing, from left, are: Jim York, Peru, president of the IAAA and presenter of the awards; Paul Robbins, retired Purdue agricultural economist; and Bob Hogue, Mulberry, executive secretary of the Indiana State Egg Board and Indiana State Poultry Association.



## QUILT PROJECT

At this year's Gathering it was voted to make a quilt to be raffled off. This is 'lap quilting'. Each worker does a square, including the border and quilting. We have (so far) counted about fifteen volunteers. It will take thirty (30) squares; so, hopefully, some will want to do more than one and there will be some additional volunteers.

I know that I had a list at the Gathering, but I suggest that you write and request a 'kit' and I will send it to you..

You decide what you want in the middle. We ask that you make it something connected with your family or your roots in Ireland and/or Scotland. Colors need not be 'conservative' -- color is great, but keep in mind the red and green border, suggestive of the Clan Robertson tartan

When the quilt is a 'fact' not a prediction, we'll offer raffle tickets & when a predetermined amount of money is collected, we'll have the raffle, hopefully at the Gathering, but we'll have to push to make that!

If you have questions or need help, contact Gleeda McConahay, 2655 Marina Dr., Indpls, IN 46240 or Kate Gregory Thomas, 2804 S. Meridian St., Indpls, IN 46225.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING QUILT BLOCKS

We will be making a queen size quilt with thirty (30) 18" blocks -- five (5) blocks across and six (6) blocks down. Each block will have a twelve and a half (12½") inch white center block (for design of your choice) and three and a half inch (3½") border in a print. The half inch (½") on border and block are for seam allowances -- they will finish out at eighteen inches (18") each block. We have included the muslin backing and batting for each block. After you have done the design work on the white square, stitch your border to the square, miter the corners, then pin the batting and the muslin backing to the white square to do your quilting. You are free to select the quilting stitch you think best suits your particular design for this center block. We would ask that you do an X quilt pattern on the borders. These should be two inch X's (measuring two inches from the left hand top of the X to the same left hand top of the next connecting X. Please use white quilting thread for all of your quilting so the pieces will look well together. We are trying to find a print for the borders in a red and green to match our tartan colors. I wish you luck and am anxious to see the blocks you will make. We will do the connecting of all the blocks to make the complete quilt.

Thanks! Gleeda

NON-QUILTERS NOTE: You, too, can contribute your ideas for designs and some of us who can't draw a straight line, may call on some of you to put our ideas on cloth so we can embroider it. Let us have any suggestions, please!!

## THE MCCONAHEYS

McConahey is one of numerous variant English spellings for the Gaelic Macdonochie, meaning "son of Duncan." In Scotland the name is commonly written MacConochie or Maconochie, but among "Ulster-Scottish families" MacConouchie and MacConaughy are preferred, "the distinctive letter being u."<sup>1</sup>

In the United States and Canada, many McConaheys--and descendants of McConaheys--are members of an enthusiastic genealogical organization called the McConnaughey Society of America. This group was founded in the early 1960's, largely through the efforts of Patricia Ann McConnaughay Gregory of Indianapolis, Indiana.<sup>2</sup> It has published a series of bulletins which have been extremely helpful to me in my investigation.<sup>3</sup>

A charter member of the McConnaughey Society was my grandfather's third cousin and very good friend, Samuel Chalmers McConahey (1876-1971). A former vice-president of Westinghouse Air Brake, Chalmers McConahey pursued a life-long interest in family history--I remember visiting his home, probably around 1950, and seeing his extensive files on the subject. Copies of some of his notes and papers have been sent to me by my aunt, Mrs. Jane McConahey Churchill, of Kenton, Ohio. These include an unpublished manuscript, "The McConahey Family: Data Assembly of 1929."

I am descended from Samuel McConaughy,<sup>4</sup> a native of County

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<sup>1</sup>Donald Whyte, "Maconochies in Scotland," McConnaughey Society of America, Bulletin Number 2 (April 13, 1971), pp. 11-12.

Other variations include McConnaha, McConneghey, McConachie, McConagha, McConahay, and McConathy.

<sup>2</sup>In 1978, Mrs. Gregory's address was P.O. Box 27051, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

<sup>3</sup>I have used the bulletins received by my mother up until the time of her death in 1978. The first was published in 1963; others appeared annually from 1971 through 1978. More recent bulletins undoubtedly exist.

<sup>4</sup>McConaughy was the spelling which appeared on his tombstone, according to "The Marquis Manuscript," MSA, Bulletin Number 3 (April 13, 1972), p. 11. This document was written during the 1890's by a Rev. J.S. Marquis. It was based on material which had been collected by his wife, the former Margaretta Bryant McConaughy.

Donegal in Ireland, who came to America in 1774, with his wife, Margaret Thompson, and their four children, James, Samuel, Elizabeth, and Martha. A fifth child, Hugh, was born in America in 1775.<sup>5</sup> According to an oral tradition, recorded in 1897, Samuel McConaughy was one of "four brothers [who] came from Ireland the latter part of the eighteenth century to this country."<sup>6</sup>

Both Samuel and Margaret Thompson McConaughy would have been forty-one or forty-two years old when they emigrated to America (both were born in 1732). They "landed at one of the Delaware Bay Ports...and moved westward through Cumberland County, Pa., Franklin County, Pa., and ultimately to Washington County, Pa., in 1781, where they afterwards lived and died, with burial in the well-kept Cemetery of the Presbyterian Congregation at Little Buffalo Village."<sup>7</sup>

In the early 1780's Western Pennsylvania must have been raw country indeed, and Samuel and Margaret McConaughy were by then in their early fifties. Fortunately, they had two daughters and three sons--a ready source of labor--and the family apparently prospered. By 1786, Samuel McConaughy was able to pay 300 pounds for 300 acres of land on a "Branch of Buffalo Creek."<sup>8</sup> In his will, he mentioned

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<sup>5</sup>MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 1 (January 1963), p. 11; Annual Bulletin Number 6 (April 13, 1975), p. 54. Much of the genealogical information in the following paragraphs was taken from a chart on page 54 of Annual Bulletin Number 6. Where another source has been used, it will be noted.

<sup>6</sup>Letter from Miss Lizzie B. McConaughy to Samuel Chalmers McConahey, dated at Washington, Pa., June 25, 1897. Quoted in "The McConahey Family: Data Assembly of 1929," p.2.

<sup>7</sup>Quoted from an article in MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 1, p. 11. In some notes compiled in 1954, Chalmers McConahey had phrased the same story in less positive language: "We believe quite certainly that with most other Ulsterites of that day, the McConahey family landed at New Castle, Delaware, or Philadelphia, Penna; possibly Lewes, Delaware; and moved westward more or less promptly with the Scotch-Irish tide to Cumberland County (later--in part--Franklin County) where Hugh McConahey...the fifth and last child was probably born (in 1775). From Cumberland County the family moved farther west over the mountains--probably in 1781; certainly not later than 1786; taking up land in Hopewell Township, Washington County, Penna. Here Samuel McConaughy continued to live until his death Nov-Dec 1799."

<sup>8</sup>MSA, Bulletin Number 4 (April 13, 1973), p. 9. Chalmers McConahey believed that the McConaughy homestead was located "in Hopewell or Buffalo Townships in the region between Upper Buffalo and Taylorstown." (Letter to Mary McConahey Clarke, dated January 20, 1930.)



"good cattle, grain, sheep," and "horses in sight."<sup>9</sup>

Margaret McConaughy died in 1797, and Samuel in 1799.<sup>10</sup> Samuel's will, dated November 1, 1799, appointed his sons James and Samuel to be the executors of his estate. James was to have "100 acres of land clear of costs." Young Samuel apparently retained possession of the family farm, and he was to provide for his sisters, Elizabeth and Martha, who were to "be clear of discount for boarding." The "girls," in turn, were obliged "to keep Samuel in clothing, shirts, washing, and cooking," but "all the rest of the time is their own as long as they behave themselves." Each daughter also received a bequest of fifty pounds and some household effects. The youngest child in the family, Hugh, was given only ten pounds.<sup>11</sup> The will is signed with an X, incidentally; but Chalmers McConahey did not believe that our immigrant ancestor was illiterate. "The evidence in general is quite to the contrary."<sup>12</sup> Samuel McConaughy was within two months of his death when he made this will. He was probably very weak, and would have been unable to write his name.

At the time of his father's death, the younger Samuel McConahey<sup>13</sup> would have been 29 years old. Apparently he was still a bachelor. Within a year or so, however, he married a woman named Catharine McClain. Their son George was born in 1802. They also had five other children: Samuel, Margaret, Barkley, Mary, and James. Catharine McClain McConahey died in 1818,<sup>14</sup> when James was less than one year

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<sup>9</sup>MSA, Bulletin Number 4, p. 8.

<sup>10</sup>This information comes from "The Marquis Manuscript," MSA, Bulletin Number 3, p. 11. According to the author, grave stones for both Samuel and Margaret McConaughy could be found in the "Cemetery of Upper Buffalo Congregation." In the "Data Assembly," Chalmers McConahey wrote that there was no grave stone for Margaret McConaughy, although there was a "space beside her husband." (Page 24.)

<sup>11</sup>MSA, Bulletin Number 4, pp. 8-9.

<sup>12</sup>"Data Assembly," p. 10.

<sup>13</sup>Here I use the spelling which he and his descendants eventually adopted.

<sup>14</sup>James McConnell McConahey, "Some Notes on the McConahey Clan," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 47.



old.<sup>15</sup>

In early nineteenth-century Washington County records, there are various references to Samuel McConachy, McConeghy, McConahey, McConehey, or McConnaughey, all of whom, I believe, are the Samuel McConahey who was married to Catharine McClain.<sup>16</sup> In a tax list for 1806, he is shown to be the owner of "180 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows" with a valuation of 596. Whether this was 596 dollars or 596 pounds is not indicated. By 1811-12, however, he was taxed on only 356.<sup>17</sup> Perhaps the reason is that he had sold some of his land, one parcel in 1808 to "Matthew Anderson, Blacksmith" and another in 1810 to the Associate Seceeders (Covenanter) Congregation of Buffalo Township.<sup>18</sup> By 1820-21, he owned "100 acres 2 horses 2 cows 1 dog." In 1821-22, he was still the owner of 100 acres, two horses, and two cows, but apparently his dog had died or run away; he was taxed on 660.<sup>19</sup>

Samuel McConahey lived in Washington County until his death on September 11, 1842.<sup>20</sup> Two years earlier, at the age of 70, he had deeded "the place on which Samuel McConahey resides" to his son "James McConaughy," in exchange for which James was to give him "comfortable maintenance for life."<sup>21</sup> According to the genealogist who discovered this deed, "such life time maintenance of father by

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<sup>15</sup>I believe that George was the oldest child in the family, and James the youngest. However, I cannot be certain, because I have no date of birth for Barkley. Dates of birth for Samuel, Margaret, and Mary are shown in MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, pp. 48-49.

<sup>16</sup>His son and his nephew were also named Samuel, but they were not born until 1806 and 1803 respectively.

<sup>17</sup>MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 5 (April 13, 1974), p. 39. There is a puzzling reference in 1814-1815 to a "Samuel McConnaughy" who was taxed as a single freeman. My ancestor's like-named son and nephew were still young boys at the time, and he himself was married to Catharine McClain McConahey. Perhaps the entry was an error.

<sup>18</sup>Ibid., p. 37.

<sup>19</sup>Ibid., p. 40.

<sup>20</sup>James McConnell McConahey, "Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 47.

<sup>21</sup>MSA, Bulletin Number 4, p. 12.

a son in exchange for bestowal of land upon such a son was not uncommon in earlier days."<sup>22</sup> (I cannot explain why James would have spelled his surname differently from his father's.)

George McConahey, probably the oldest child of Samuel and Catharine McClain McConahey, was my great-great-grandfather. An old photograph shows that he strongly resembled another one of my great-great-grandparents, Andrew McFarlane Johnston, to whom, as far as I know,<sup>23</sup> he was not related. George McConahey had the same long face and high cheekbones as Andrew Johnston, the same broad, intelligent forehead and high-bridged nose. His expression, however, would suggest a far more turbulent nature.

George McConahey apparently worked as a farmer all of his life, for he is identified as such in his will. His will also shows that he was a resident of Donegal Township in Washington County.<sup>24</sup> He died on January 19, 1866.<sup>25</sup>

In 1827-1828, George "McConaughey" appeared on a Washington County tax list as a "freeman, single."<sup>26</sup> On December 30, 1830,<sup>27</sup> he was married to Rebecca Campsey (1805-1891),<sup>28</sup> the daughter of Scotch-Irish immigrants from County Donegal in Ireland.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>22</sup>Mrs. Lenore Flowers, MSA, Bulletin Number 4, p. 13. Mrs. Flowers had done work for Chalmers McConahey during the 1950's. In the early 1960's she was retained by Mrs. Gregory to conduct a thorough search of Washington County records.

<sup>23</sup>The Johnstons lived in Washington County during the early years of the nineteenth century. I believe that they were of Scotch-Irish extraction.

<sup>24</sup>MSA, Bulletin Number 3, p. 35.

<sup>25</sup>James McConnell McConahey, "Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 48.

<sup>26</sup>MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 5, p. 41.

<sup>27</sup>From notes made by Chalmers McConahey in 1929.

<sup>28</sup>Notes of Chalmers McConahey; also, James McConnell McConahey, "Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 48.

<sup>29</sup>I have this information from a biographical sketch of Rebecca Campsey's nephew, David McMillen Campsey, which appeared in a Commemorative Biographical Record of Washington County, Pennsylvania, 2 vols. (Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1893), vol. 2, pp. 276-277.

Rebecca Campsey's family had emigrated to America in 1794, on a ship called "Liberty." Until 1801, "they lived east of the mountains, and then proceeded westward to Washington county, Penn., making a settlement about two miles south of Claysville, this section being at that time an unbroken and sparsely settled wilderness. When they arrived, the neighbors formed a 'bee,' and built them a log cabin, the foundation of which was four stumps, one for each corner."<sup>30</sup> Rebecca was born on "Old Homestead Farm" and continued to live there after her marriage.<sup>31</sup>

George and Rebecca Campsey McConahey became the parents of five children: Warren, Wylie, Catharine, James Campsey, and Barkley. Warren McConahey died when he was twenty years old; Wylie and Barkley at twenty-nine. All three had remained single. Catharine McConahey was married to James McGuffin and bore one child, a daughter. She died while her little girl was still a baby; she herself was seventeen.<sup>32</sup> The only member of this generation who enjoyed a normal life span was my great-grandfather, James.

Born November 9, 1839,<sup>33</sup> James Campsey McConahey would have been a young man of military age when the Civil War broke out. Yet he never served in the army. The explanation, according to an oral tradition, was that doctors thought him to be consumptive, and he was expected to die within six months. Their diagnosis was undoubtedly mistaken, for my great-grandfather survived his supposed tuberculosis and lived until after the turn of the century, dying on March 8, 1904, at the age of 64.<sup>34</sup> He did, however, suffer all of his life from asthma.

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<sup>30</sup>Ibid. I should say that this account may be a little confused in part. It states that Rebecca Campsey's brother John accompanied his parents on their voyage to America in 1794 and was born in 1796.

<sup>31</sup>Notes of Chalmers McConahey.

<sup>32</sup>The dates of birth and death were as follows: Warren McConahey, 1833-1853; Wylie McConahey, 1834-1864; Catharine McConahey McGuffin, 1836-1854; Barkley McConahey, 1845-1875. Catharine McConahey's daughter, Catharine McGuffin Oliver, also died as a very young woman, at the age of twenty. (Taken from the notes by Chalmers McConahey.)

<sup>33</sup>James McConnell McConahey, "Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 49.

<sup>34</sup>Ibid.



James Campsey McConahey was remembered by a much younger first cousin as a "tall, slender, mild mannered, friendly man."<sup>35</sup> A full-length photograph, taken probably during the 1860's, confirms his height and his lankiness. When I first glanced at this picture, I took it to be a likeness of Abraham Lincoln. The resemblance was enhanced, of course, by my great-grandfather's long frock coat and his dark chin whiskers.

On February 20, 1867,<sup>36</sup> James Campsey McConahey was married to Anna M. Sawhill (1845-1922),<sup>37</sup> the daughter of John Sawhill, a prosperous Washington County farmer, who "by industry and good management accumulated considerable property."<sup>38</sup>

The Sawhill farm was "situated about one mile from Claysville, in East Finley township, and near the Donegal township line."<sup>39</sup> According to family tradition, the old National Pike ran past my great-grandmother's home, and young Anna Sawhill frequently watched slaves being driven along that road toward Washington. On one occasion, the story goes, she saw a pregnant black woman drop out of line and stop by the side of the road only long enough to give birth. Then the woman picked up her newborn child and followed after the others, who had not paused to wait for her. Because of this experience, and others like it, Anna Sawhill early developed passionate anti-slavery sentiments.

The story is undoubtedly inaccurate. I have learned, however,

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<sup>35</sup>The cousin was James McConnell McConahey, author of the much-cited "Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6. This quotation appears on page 49.

<sup>36</sup>From the notes made by Chalmers McConahey.

<sup>37</sup>Date of birth from a biographical sketch of her mother, Jane Pollock Sawhill, which appeared in the Commemorative Biographical Record, vol. 2, p. 729; date of death from the "Notes" by James McConnell McConahey, p. 49. Both dates confirmed by the notes of Chalmers McConahey.

<sup>38</sup>From the biographical sketch of Jane Pollock Sawhill.

<sup>39</sup>Ibid.



that family traditions, though greatly distorted by time and retelling, very often have a basis in fact. Living so close to the then Virginia border, my great-grandmother may well have been exposed to the realities of slavery and for that reason may have favored abolition.

James and Anna Sawhill McConahey became the parents of two daughters and four sons. In the order of their birth, these children were: George V. (1868-1921), Mary Sawhill (1870-1951),<sup>40</sup> Cora Etoile (1872-1936), John Pollock (1875-1921), James Campsey (1877-1878), and Wilfred.<sup>41</sup>

In this generation, for the first time, some of the young McConaheys chose mates whose family names were not of British origin. Cora Etoile became the wife of Robert Clinton Gantz, and George was married to Maud Froelich.

Mary McConahey's husband was a Washington County neighbor, Dr. J.J. Clarke, and Wilfred's wife was Cora Cunningham. After the death of Maud Froehlich McConahey, George was married a second time, to Maud Williams. Little James, of course, was never married. John Pollock McConahey was my mother's father.

James and Anna McConahey lived with their children on a "nice farm near Claysville, Penn'a.,"<sup>42</sup> within the boundaries of Donegal Township.<sup>43</sup> An old photograph, taken about 1890, shows the McConahey family home, a one-storey<sup>44</sup> white clapboard structure with louvered

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<sup>40</sup>Dates for Mary Sawhill McConahey are from her grave stone in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa. Most of the other information in this paragraph was taken from the "Notes," by James McConnell McConahey, MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, pp. 49-52.

<sup>41</sup>I have no dates of birth and death for this great-uncle. According to his cousin James McConnell McConahey, Wilfred was "of a roving disposition...and was last supposed to be some place in the state of Washington." ("Notes," pp. 49-50.) He is mentioned in two letters written by my grandfather in 1886 (see pages 10 and 11).

<sup>42</sup>"Notes," p. 49.

<sup>43</sup>From the biographical sketch of Jane Pollock Sawhill.

<sup>44</sup>There is a small shuttered window in the gable. This would suggest that the house had a low, slant-ceilinged attic, but no full second floor.

shutters at every window. The house is set in a grove of tall trees, behind a white picket fence which runs across the bottom third of the picture. In front of the fence is a lonely hitching post--the grass beside it has been worn away by horses' hooves. James and Anna McConahey are posed on the lawn, with several family members or friends.<sup>45</sup> On the front steps of the house sit a boy of eleven or twelve and his dog. An elderly woman appears on a small side porch. The McConahey home seems massive and high when compared to its human inhabitants; the windows are large and raised so far above the ground that only a few adults would be tall enough to look through them into the rooms.

Another old photograph, taken inside the house, in the high-ceilinged parlor, shows that my grandfather's family owned a "square piano" and heavy draperies with a tasseled valance. In one corner they kept a bouquet of peacock feathers.<sup>46</sup> In this picture, incidentally, Anna Sawhill McConahey appears to be as broad as her husband was lean. (I have heard many times that she was an eighty-pound slip of a girl when she married, but within three years had doubled her weight.)

According to another oral tradition, the McConaheys had thirteen rooms in all--their house had grown over the years, because the family built a small addition whenever they wanted extra space. At times, I suspect, their carpentry was rather hurriedly completed. I own a small walnut table, originally a McConahey piece, on which the right-hand supports were cut to be half an inch higher than those on the left. In my livingroom, the table tilts perceptibly to the left, but if it were placed on a slanting or sagging floor, its top would be level and no one would notice its peculiar design. Possibly, this table was made to accommodate some structural eccentricity in my great-grandparents' home.

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<sup>45</sup>Two young men and four women. All would seem to be in their teens or twenties. My mother identified some of these young people as members of her father's immediate family. She left no written record, however, and I cannot remember what she told me. I recognize only James and Anna McConahey.

<sup>46</sup>My mother once told me that the McConaheys always had a pair of peacocks and a white collie dog.

The McConaheys were "one of the oldest and best known" families in Washington County,<sup>47</sup> but that is not to say they were wealthy or enjoyed many luxuries. When my grandfather was a young boy, he wrote three letters which have been preserved and which give a clear impression of his rather simple, sometimes toilsome early life in rural nineteenth-century Pennsylvania.<sup>48</sup> They also reveal his own engaging personality. These letters were addressed to his uncle, Dr. W.F. Sawhill, who apparently lived in Kansas. Two were dated in 1886, when my grandfather was ten and eleven years old.<sup>49</sup> On the third, no year is given--only a day and a month appear. However, my grandfather's penmanship and his (less-than-thorough) knowledge of the paragraph<sup>50</sup> would suggest that this letter was written sometime later than the other two, perhaps in the following year. All three are transcribed below, without changes or corrections:

Mar 13 1886

Dr. W.F. Sawhill M.D.

My Dear Uncle

I take my pen in hand and seat my self on a chair to write you a few lines to let you know that we are well except we have a bad cold and hope that these few lines may find you enjoying the same blessing. the school was out last Wednesday we did not have any entertainment the last day. we are blessed with a great deal of mud to day and it is very unpleasant to get about. I have some notion of going out to Kansas and borrow your big dog to hunt Jack rabbits and Prairie-dogs and I might shoot a wolf if you would lend your gun. Mary says to tell you that her beaux do not walk when they come they come in a phaeton I guess I will not go to school this summer I have to stay at home and work. I guess there has not been married in this country of your acquaintances except Carrie Brownlee. we heard that Will Woodburn and Nellie Sawhill are going to be married. I stayed all night with george McClain the other night and we made

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<sup>47</sup>From a newspaper account of my grandparents' marriage.

<sup>48</sup>Copies of these letters were given to me by my aunt, Mrs. Janet McConahey of Tacoma, Washington.

<sup>49</sup>He was born on November 8, 1875. (James McConnell McConahey, "Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 52.)

<sup>50</sup>Young John McConahey had a rather original method of showing a new paragraph--he left some space on the last line of the old one. He apparently did not know about indentation or skipping lines.



taffy and had lots of fun. The Claysvill well is just a sham it is down 2603 ft the boiler has given out but they are going to get a new one and put it down 3000 ft and if they dont get any thing under 3000 ft they are going to stop. Yes Fred had crawled out from under the bed and is bothering me so much that I can hardly write so I will have to stop. excuse the mistakes.

Write soon

Yours truly  
John McConehey

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Nov. 10 1886

Dear Uncle. M.D.

I have been wanting to write to you for a long time but never got at it till now. I do not know whether I can make it interesting to you or not but I will try to. I go to school every day. My teachers name is Spencer Fulton. he is a young man that worked at our house at harvest. I am getting along all right at school I will send my report we get one every month. we are examined every month. in history you need not think that I ought to be better because i only commenced to study it about two weeks ago and the rest of the class begun at the first of school. There was a corn husking at Mr. Olivers Tues and they are going to have a party on Friday night. George and Mame are invited. There is a party at Mr. McKibbens to night and it was so wet that mamma did not want mame to go, but, a young gentleman came after her with his phaeton and took her. Miss. Johnson is Freds teacher but he cannot go now because he has the whooping cough. if you know any thing that is good for it send her on. Mr. Spindler teaches the fourth room. I am in the third room but expect to go to the fourth room next year. Mr. Spindler is a brother of the County Superintendend and he is a splendid teacher. the boys in the 3 room took up a collection and bought a ball and we play with it every day. I have not missed a day yet since I started to school. how is Walter getting along and tell him to write to me. Where are you going to spend your Thanksgiving we would like to have you here if you would come. Mr.        Finley<sup>51</sup> has a young son How is uncle Tom and Aunt Nora Ray and Bessie and how is Aunt Lucy. we herd that Edgar had the whooping cough but we do not know if it is true. Well this is enough of that kind of stuff it is bed time and I will have to close. write soon.

Good-by.

John McConehey

<sup>51</sup>This man's first name is not legible.



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Claysville, Mar. 18.

Dear Uncle

I will write you a few lines to let you know we are all living and hope you and your wife are too.

Mamma has been looking for a letter from you for a long time but has not received it yet. Our school was out last week, I went to school all winter and did not miss a day.

Mr. Spindler is going to teach this summer and I expect George and Mary will attend.

If Uncle Tom comes home in the spring I want you to send me a prairie-dog for a pet that is if you can catch one.

I have a pet calf it come on my birthday and Pappa gave it to me for a birth-day present, it is a little Devon about as big as Do-do, I feed it out of a sucking bottle and keep in a store-box in the woodhouse it is a dark-red-color and on cold nights I bring it in the house to keep it warm. Did you hear that Will Craig is Pap.

Mamma walked over to Grand-Pas last week she walked over one day and back the next day and He was better when she was there.

The reason she walked was that the roads were so bad she was afraid to ride. We are plowing the big field above the barn for corn there is about 20 acres of it and we have About 12 acres plowed. George plows with the oxen and Pappa plows with the horses. I want you to tell Walter to write to me I guess I had better close as you will get tired reading such stuff. Yours respectfully

John McConahey

P.S. Be sure and catch a dog.

Young John McConahey's letters reflect the concerns of any rural, nineteenth-century American family--farm work, the weather, unsophisticated social activities, news of relatives and friends. Like many other children, my grandfather was fond of animals. He was also very much interested in going to school and doing well in his work. I gather, however, that his attendance was somewhat limited by modern standards. The local school let out early in March, presumably for the spring plowing. There was a summer session, but

it was probably followed by a break at harvest time. Then classes resumed in the fall. At the very most, my grandfather's school was in session for eight months out of the year--and he could not always attend. Sometimes he had "to stay at home and work."

In spite of these difficulties, young John McConahey must have been an excellent student. In an old scrapbook which he kept, there are many brightly colored little cards inscribed "Reward of Merit"; on those which provide the spaces, his name has been written, along with the signature of his teacher.

Curiously, my grandfather's letters make no reference to church activities, although I am sure that the McConaheys were faithful Presbyterians and their children received religious instruction. Among my grandfather's possessions, there is a small New Testament in which has been written, "John P. McConahey/ Claysville/ Pa/ June 26th/ 1878." He also owned a tiny<sup>51</sup> religious tract, Daily Food for Christians, which he had received as a Christmas gift from his mother in 1882.

According to an oral tradition, the McConaheys were an extremely sociable family. I have been told that Anna Sawhill McConahey presided over an almost constant open house. When they were not entertaining, Anna and James--and later their daughters--were often out visiting the neighbors. Mary McConahey's husband, Dr. Clarke, is supposed to have said that James McConahey might have done better financially, but he would always take the horses from the plow if the women wanted to go calling.

John Pollock McConahey must have acquired his family's conviviality, for he was described by his cousin James McConnell McConahey as "a pleasant, genial, very likeable man...who had many friends."<sup>52</sup> Physically, John McConahey was "about five feet eight and one-half inches tall and average build."<sup>53</sup> An old photo-

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<sup>51</sup>This little book measures 2 3/8 by 3 1/8 inches. It is a quarter of an inch thick. It was published by the American Tract Society, 150 Nassau Street, New York.

<sup>52</sup>"Notes," MSA, Annual Bulletin Number 6, p. 52.

<sup>53</sup>Ibid.

graph suggests that he more closely resembled his mother than his tall, rangy father. In this picture, young John and greybearded James are posed together on a bench, shaded by two small trees. John is several inches shorter than his father, and somewhat heavier as well, with a rounder face and less prominent features. I would not suppose that the two men were related.

My grandfather enrolled at Washington and Jefferson College, my mother once told me, but had to leave after a year or two because of financial problems. He stayed at home for a while, helping to work the farm, until his well-to-do grandmother, Jane Pollock Sawhill, loaned him the money to go to Pittsburgh and attend a business school.

In Pittsburgh he lived at first with his uncle Elden Sawhill, a Presbyterian minister who had a church on the North Side, and later with his sister Mary and her husband, whose home was on Frankstown Avenue. When he graduated from the Martin Shorthand School, he was offered a position teaching there. He stayed, according to my mother, saved his money and eventually bought into the school. His listing in the Pittsburgh Directory for 1903--the earliest which I could find--identified him as "John P. McConahey of Martin Short Hand & Commercial School." His name also appears in the Pittsburgh Blue Book, beginning with the 1900-1901 edition. His address at that time was 201 Frankstown Avenue, which would have been the home of his sister and brother-in-law.

Probably in the summer of 1901, while visiting his family in Claysville, my grandfather was introduced to Alice Sheldon Marshall, a resident of Osage City, Kansas. They were married on December 24, 1902.

**GOOD-COOKING**

# Name It — It's Delicious

"I would like to nominate my mother-in-law, Fern McConahay, as one of the best cooks in Indianapolis for any week of the year!" wrote Mary Jane McConahay.

"She is a highly praised cook throughout the city. She is retired from Eli Lilly & Co., and I know that all of the employes she has worked with have sampled her 'goodies' and give her rave notices. When I married her oldest son, another member of the family said that they wouldn't follow her kitchen act for any money.

"The hardest part of this nomination is to choose a few items to mention. She not only cooks excellent 'down-home' foods, but she also

can present fancy party foods with a flair.

"My children think her 'strawberries' are super, and she is known for her excellent orange cake. My youngest son Sean says, 'Grandma's shepherd pie is super good!' She serves an escalloped pineapple dish with ham that is quite tasty, and her blueberry muffins are outstanding. The entire family loves her traditional creamed tenderloin served for brunch.

"What can I say? Everything she cooks is outstanding. To not have Fern McConahay featured as one of the city's good cooks is a crime," she concluded.

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The NEWS Photo, Patty Espieh

Fern McConahay's blueberry muffins rate raves from her family.

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# She Cooks For Family

This week's Good Cooking nominee, Fern McConahay, is a native Hoosier who was born in Hancock County.

"I've lived practically all my life in Indianapolis since I was 18 or 19," Mrs. McConahay said.

She and her late husband Paul would have been married 50 years next February. She has three sons who have given her "three great daughters-in-law" and blessed her with 11 grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren are married, so when the family gathers together for special dinners at Mrs. McConahay's, the number is 20.

"They all come here at Christmas for brunch," she said. Birthdays are other favorite gathering times.

In addition to raising her family, Mrs. McConahay worked at Lilly's for 33½ years. She retired 5 years ago from the biological division at Greenfield.

What is her advice for recent retirees?

"Just keep busy. And when you have a family, you don't have a problem doing that," she said.

She said she still loves to cook, but doesn't do as much as she once did.

"And I do some latch-hook work," she added.

This is one of Mrs. McConahay's in-season treats that her daughter-in-law Mary Jane McConahay likes.

## BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

- 2½ cups sifted flour
- ¾ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup margarine, melted
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 egg, beaten for glaze

In a bowl, sift or stir together flour, baking powder and sugar. In a small bowl, stir together milk and 1 egg. Pour milk mixture and melted margarine into flour mixture and stir to blend together. Gently stir in blueberries. Fill greased muffin tins two-third full of batter. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 25 to 30 minutes or until tester inserted in center comes out clean. When done, brush tops with beaten egg and return to oven for about 5 minutes to set egg glaze. Makes 18 muffins.

This dumpling recipe makes a good dessert.

## BLUEBERRY DUMPLINGS

- 3 cups fresh blueberries, divided
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups buttermilk biscuit mix, prepared for dumplings according to package directions

In a large skillet with lid, stir together 2 cups blueberries, sugar and water. Bring to a boil, stirring well. Meanwhile, prepare dumplings according to recipe on biscuit mix package. Stir remaining 1 cup of blueberries into dumpling batter. Drop dumplings by tablespoonsful onto boiling blueberry mixture in skillet. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Spoon dumplings into serving bowls and spoon on blueberry sauce. Serve topped with ice cream.

Mrs. McConahay said this pineapple dish is a good accompaniment for a ham or turkey dinner. She received the recipe from a friend who liked to contribute the result to covered dish luncheons.

## SCALLOPED PINEAPPLE

- 5 cups fresh or day-old bread cubes
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
  - 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple, partly drained
  - ¼ cup milk
- Spread bread cubes in ungreased baking dish. In a bowl, beat together sugar, eggs and butter. Pour over bread. Add pineapple and milk and stir mixture together. Bake, uncovered, in preheated 300-degree oven 1 hour or until set. Serve hot or warm.

"This cake will keep well for up to 3 months if well-wrapped in foil and kept refrigerated," Mrs. McConahay said. "It also freezes well."

"Do not use dried orange peel or canned orange juice. Use only fresh oranges," she cautioned. "And grate only the yellow part of the peel."

## ORANGE CAKE

- Grated peel of 2 oranges
- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2½ cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup raisins
- ¼ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

### Glaze

- 1 cup sugar
- Juice of 2 oranges

In mixing bowl, beat together peel, margarine and sugar, creaming well until fluffy. Beat in eggs and beat well. Stir soda into buttermilk. Stir flour and baking powder together. Stir a few tablespoons of flour mixture into raisins and stir in nuts. Set aside raisin-nut mixture. Add dry ingredients and buttermilk mixture alternately to creamed mixture, mixing to blend after each addition. Stir in raisin-nut mixture and vanilla and blend well. Pour into greased and floured tube or loaf pans. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 45 minutes to 1 hour or until tester inserted in center comes out clean. Let stand in pan 10 minutes and then pour over glaze. Let stand in pan until glaze is absorbed. To make glaze, stir sugar and orange juice together.

Although she traditionally makes these "strawberries" at Christmas time, Mrs. McConahay said she makes them all year long to please her grandchildren.

#### **SKILLET STRAWBERRY COOKIES**

- 1 pound pitted dates, chopped**
- 1 cup flaked coconut**
- 1 cup sugar**
- ½ cup (1 stick) margarine**
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten**
- 2 teaspoons vanilla**
- 3 cups Rice Krispies cereal**
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans**
- 8 ounces red sugar**
- 1 can green-tinted decorating frosting with tips**

In a large, heavy skillet, stir together dates, coconut, sugar, margarine and eggs. Cook and stir over low heat until mixture is soft and thickened. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla, cereal and nuts and stir until mixture is cool enough to handle. Roll 1 tablespoonful of mixture into the shape of a strawberry. Continue to form strawberries, keeping fingers moistened with water. As you form strawberries, roll each in red sugar to coat. Let cool and decorate with green frosting to form leaves at stem end of strawberries. Makes 5½ dozen.

#### **SHEPHERD'S PIE**

- 1½ pounds lean ground beef**
- 1 medium onion, chopped**
- 1 (10½-ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup**
- 1 canful milk**
- Mashed potatoes**
- Pasteurized process cheese, cubed**

In a skillet on medium heat, lightly brown meat and onion together, stirring to break up meat. Pour off fat. Stir together soup and milk and pour into meat mixture. Cook gently 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Pour mixture into a greased 10 by 6-inch baking dish. Cover meat with prepared mashed potatoes to depth of 1 inch. Dot top of potatoes with cubes of cheese. Bake, uncovered, in 350-degree oven 20 to 25 minutes. Serves six.

## *Bridal Recipe Stars At Reunions*

The morning after she was married, Fern McConahay and her husband were treated to this festive brunch dish by the mother of her bridesmaid.

"I've never seen this recipe anywhere else," she said. It has become a brunch tradition in her family. Be sure to use genuine pork tenderloins that weigh one-half to three-fourths pound each. They will slice easily if partly frozen.

#### **CREAMED PORK TENDERLOIN**

- 8 to 10 genuine whole pork tenderloins, sliced ¼-inch thick**
- 4 ribs celery**
- 1 medium onion, peeled**
- 1 green pepper, seeded**
- 2 (8-ounce) cans mushroom pieces, undrained**
- 1 small jar chopped pimiento, drained**
- Flour and water paste**

- 8 to 10 hard-cooked eggs, chopped**
- Salt and pepper to taste**
- 18 to 20 hot baked biscuits**

In a large kettle, place slices of tenderloin, whole celery ribs, whole onion and green pepper. Cover with water 3 inches above meat. Bring to a boil on high heat, cover, reduce heat and simmer about 1½ hours. Cool and place utensil with all its contents in refrigerator overnight.

The next day, skim off fat and remove celery, onion and green pepper and discard vegetables. Heat pork and broth to boiling and stir in mushrooms with liquid and drained pimiento. Stir in enough flour-water paste to thicken to desired consistency. Cook gently 15 minutes, stirring frequently to avoid sticking. Stir in chopped eggs and season to taste. Spoon over hot biscuits to serve. Serves 18 to 20.

#### **HATTED KIT (A very old Highland dish.)**

Courtesy of Marthellen Hogue

From *Scottish Women's Rural Institutes Cookbook*, reprint 1948.

Warm slightly over the fire 2 pints of buttermilk. Pour it into a dish & carry it to the side of a cow. Milk into it about 1 pint milk, having previously put into the dish sufficient rennet for the whole. After allowing it to stand for a while, lift the curd, place it on a sieve, & press the whey through until the curd is quite stiff. Season with sugar & nutmeg before serving, whip some thick cream, season it also with a little grated nutmeg & sugar & mix gently with the curd. This dish can quite well be made without milking the cow into it, although the contributor's mother always considered that direct milking put a better hat on the kit.

Collateral Surnames from  
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<u>Fergy, Isabel</u>	<u>Patrick McConachy</u>	M 3 Mar 1722	Rothesay
<u>Fisher, Robert</u>	<u>Elizabeth McConachy</u>	M 10 Dec 1817	"
<u>Fraser, Elizabeth</u>	<u>James MacConechy</u>	M 23 Jan 1770	"
<u>Fraser, Janet</u>	<u>Donald McConachy</u>	M 26 Mar 1756	"
<u>Frew, Arch</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 14 Dec 1727	"
<u>Frew, Janet</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 6 Feb 1750	"
<u>Fullarton, James</u>	<u>Isabell McConachy</u>	M 12 Jul 1803	"
<u>Jullarton, Robert</u>	<u>Lillie McConachy</u>	M 18 Apr 1767	"
<u>Fullarton, William</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 5 Nov 1812	"
<u>Gardner, Jane</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 26 Mar 1739	"
<u>Garner, Margaret</u>	<u>Archibald McConachy</u>	M 22 Nov 1729	"
<u>Gealy, Andrew</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 28 Feb 1730	"
<u>Gealy, Archibald</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 5 Mar 1722	"
<u>Gealy, Elspeth</u>	<u>Donald McConachy</u>	M 11 Feb 1,25	"
<u>Gealy, Margaret</u>	<u>Adam McConachy</u>	M 5 Feb 1728	"
<u>Gealy, Mary</u>	<u>Patrick McConachy</u>	M 13 Mar 1722	"
<u>Gealy, Ninian</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 20 Mar 1730	"
<u>Gelly, James</u>	<u>Margaret McConechy</u>	M 22 Mar 1792	"
<u>Gelly, Janet</u>	<u>Archibald McConachy</u>	M 15 Jan 1805	"
<u>Gelly, Robert</u>	<u>Elizabeth McConechy</u>	M 7 Jun 1798	"
<u>Gelly, Thomas</u>	<u>Janet McConechy</u>	M 13 Jul 1793	"
<u>Gellies, Margaret</u>	<u>Alexander McConechy</u>	M 11 Mar 1758	"
<u>Gelly, Ann</u>	<u>Donald McConachy</u>	M 10 Apr 1762	"
<u>Gelly, John</u>	<u>Jean Mac Conachy</u>	M 7 Feb 1769	"
<u>Gelly, Mary</u>	<u>Robert McConechy</u>	M 14 Jun 1770	"
<u>Gellie, James</u>	<u>Mary McConechy</u>	M 7 Mar 1752	"
<u>Gillies, Neil</u>	<u>Mary McConechy</u>	M 1 Mar 1792	"
<u>Gilesby, Donald</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 19 Dec 1738	"
<u>Glass, Archibald</u>	<u>Catherine McConachy</u>	M 25 Mar 1745	"
<u>Glass, Catherine</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 14 Jan 1704	"
<u>Glass, Catherine</u>	<u>John Mac Conechy</u>	M 31 Apr 1767	"
<u>Glass, Janet</u>	<u>Donald McConachy</u>	M 15 Jul 1804	"
<u>Glass, Janet</u>	<u>Patrick McConachy</u>	M 8 Apr 1693	"
<u>Glass, John</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 5 Jan 1695	"
<u>Glass, John</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 12 May 1726	"
<u>Glass, Margaret</u>	<u>Robert McConachy</u>	M 7 Jan 1709	"
<u>Glass, Mary</u>	<u>Bryce MacConechy</u>	M 14 Aug 1763	"
<u>Glass, Robert</u>	<u>Helen McConachy</u>	M 1 Apr 1694	"
<u>Heman, Anne</u>	<u>Robert McConachy</u>	M 22 Mar 1722	"
<u>Heman, James</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 5 Feb 1743	"
<u>Heman, John</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 25 Jun 1723	"
<u>Heman, Sarah</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 24 Apr 1735	"
<u>Herran, James</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 15 Feb 1743	"





<u>Hill, George</u>	<u>Isabel McConechy</u>	M 10 Feb 1763	Rothesay
<u>Hunter, Agnes</u>	<u>James McConnochie</u>	M 24 Dec 1851	Cumbrae
<u>Hunter, Margaret</u>	<u>Archibald McConnochie</u>	M 24 Oct 1798	Rothesay
<u>Hunter, Margaret</u>	<u>Archibald McConnachie</u>		
	Son: <u>James</u>	C 8 Sep 1779	Kilbridel/Cum
<u>Hunter, Robert</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConechy</u>	M 25 Jul 1771	Rothesay
<u>Hutcheson, Janet</u>	<u>Alexander McConechie</u>	M 23 Jun 1789	"
<u>Hymond, James</u>	<u>Jane McConnechy</u>	M 20 Apr 1750	"
<u>Hyndman, Janet</u>	<u>John McConechy</u>	M 8 Apr 1766	"
<u>Jamieson, Hugh</u>	<u>Agnes McConachy</u>	M 11 Apr 1822 or	"
		M 18 Apr 1821	"
<u>Jamieson, Janet</u>	<u>Robert McConachy</u>	M 3 Dec 1801	"
<u>Jamieson, James</u>	<u>Margaret McConechy</u>	M 17 Mar 1778	"
<u>Jamieson, John</u>	<u>Janet McConechy</u>	M 8 Feb 1785	"
<u>Jamison, Margaret</u>	<u>James McConachy</u>	M 5 Jul 1722	"
<u>Jamison, Margaret</u>	<u>Archibald McConechy</u>	M 12 Apr 1755	"
<u>Jamison, Margaret</u>	<u>Robert McConachy</u>	M 8 Nov 1735	"
<u>Jamison, Thomas</u>	<u>Ann McConachy</u>	M 25 Mar 1819	"
<u>Keimy, James</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 5 Feb 1745	"
<u>Kelso, Archibald</u>	<u>Isabel McConechy</u>	M 2 May 1765	"
<u>Kelso, Giles</u>	<u>Archibald McConechy</u>	M 30 Nov 1778	"
<u>Kelso, Isabel</u>	<u>John McConechy</u>	M 25 Mar 1758	"
<u>Lamont, Janet</u>	<u>Robert McConachy</u>	M 7 Jul 1803	"
<u>Lamont, Mary</u>	<u>Donald McConechy</u>	M 6 Mar 1788	"
<u>Leith, Colin</u>	<u>Isabel McConechy</u>	M 21 Apr 1785	"
<u>Lindsay, Ann</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 9 Dec 1736	"
<u>Linton, John</u>	<u>Margaret McConechy</u>	M 13 Mar 1787	"
<u>Linton, Thoms</u>	<u>Margaret McConachy</u>	M 11 Nov 1806	"
<u>Little, Janet</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 8 Oct 1771	"
<u>Little, William</u>	<u>Elizabeth McConechy</u>	M 24 Nov 1776	"
<u>Logan, Elizabeth</u>	<u>John McConachy</u>	M 31 Jul 1815	"
<u>Lyon, Janet</u>	<u>James McConechy</u>	M 25 Mar 1784	"
<u>McAlaster, Donald</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 20 Jan 1753	"
<u>McAtester, Donald</u>	<u>Jean McConachy</u>	M 17 Jan 1712 or 1729	"
<u>McAlister, Finlay</u>	<u>Margaret McConachy</u>	M 5 Mar 1702 or 1712	"
<u>McAllister, Margaret</u>	<u>William McConachy</u>	M 2 Dec 1834	"
<u>McAlister, Mary</u>	<u>Daniel McConechy</u>	M 20 Jan 1753	"
<u>McAllister, Robert</u>	<u>Isabel McConechy</u>	M 16 Feb 1804	"
<u>McAlaster, Ronald</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 16 Mar 1699	"
<u>McAlister, Archibald</u>	<u>Margaret McConechy</u>	M 24 Apr 1753	"
<u>McAlpine, Janet</u>	<u>James McConachy</u>	M 29 Nov 1804	"
<u>McAlpin, John</u>	<u>Jean McConachy</u>	M 5 Jul 1804	"
<u>McAlpin, Margaret</u>	<u>Archibald Mac Conechy</u>	M 27 Feb 1790	"
<u>McAlpin, Mary</u>	<u>Donald McConachy</u>	M 5 Feb 1734	"
<u>McArthur, Archibald</u>	<u>Jean McConachy</u>	M 5 Jul 1804	"
<u>McBrain, Mary</u>	<u>James MacConechy</u>	M 11 Jul 1791	"
<u>McCallum, Archibald</u>	<u>Christian McConachy</u>	M 3 Dec 1816	"
<u>McCallum, Duncan</u>	<u>Isobel McConachy</u>	M 9 Feb 1811	"
<u>McCaw, John</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 8 FEB 1739	"
<u>McClea** See McLea</u>			
<u>McCLean** See McLean</u>			
<u>Double McConachy Marriages :</u>			
<u>McConachy, Alex.</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 29 Dec 1693	"
<u>McConachy, Alex.</u>	<u>Margaret McConachy</u>	m 8 Mar 1716	"
<u>McConachy, Alex.</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 20 Apr 1762	"
<u>McConachy, Alex.</u>	<u>Elizabeth McConachy</u>	M 10 Feb 1785	"
<u>McConachy, Alex.</u>	<u>Catherine McConachy</u>	M 5 Jul 1787	"

\*\*The following children are listed with Alexander McConachy as their father:

<u>Grizal</u>	B 4 May 1728	Kingarth-Nether Ascog	
<u>James</u>	B 21 Nov 1745	" -Birgadalliroy	
<u>Archibald</u>	B 28 Nov 1744	" "	
<u>Robert</u>	B Feb 1748	" "	
<u>Robert</u>	B 21 Mar 1751	" Birgadall Crove	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 11 Feb 1749	" -Longailring	
<u>Donald</u>	N 20 Sep 1746	" "	
<u>Isobel</u>	B 20 Sep 1746	" "	Twins
<u>Cathrin</u>	B 30 Nov 1750	" Amboshmore	
<u>Janet</u>	B 20 Jul 1753	" "	
<u>Archibald</u>	B 3 May 1750	" -Ardinho	
<u>James</u>	B 14 Jul 1735	" "	
<u>Elizabeth</u>	B 10 Feb 1745	" "	
<u>Alexander</u>	B 20 Jul 1756	" Mid-Sculog	
<u>Hugh</u>	B 7 Mar 1753	" " "	
<u>John</u>	B 5 Apr 1729	" " "	
<u>Mary</u>	B 12 Jul 1740	" Largayne	
<u>Archibald</u>	B 30 Aug 1742	" "	
<u>James</u>	B 12 Jan 1749	" "	
<u>James</u>	B 20 Feb 1754	" Kerritonly	
<u>McConachy, Archibald</u>	<u>Mary</u> McConachy	M 17 May 1755	Rothesay
<u>McConachy or Duncan</u>			
<u>Archibald</u>	<u>Margaret</u> McConachy	M 16 Apr 1795	"
<u>McConachy, Archibald</u>	<u>Janet</u> McConachy	M 2 Apr 1757	"

\*\*The following children are listed with Archibald McConachy as their father:

<u>Alexander</u>	B 6 Aug 1727	Kingarth-Leibas	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 6 Aug 1727	" "	Twins
<u>John</u>	B 1 Feb 1729	" "	
<u>Mary</u>	B 27 Mar 1728	" -Longalerid	
<u>Jo</u>	C 2 Feb 1729	"	
<u>John</u>	B 10 Feb 1723	Killbride	
<u>Donald</u>	B 5 Jun 1732	Kingarth Knockmind	
<u>Robert</u>	B 20 May 1755	" -Birgadall	

\*\*The following children are listed with Collin McConachy as their father:

<u>Mary</u>	B 3 Mar 1756	Kingarth-Neather Ascog	
<u>Donald</u>	B 10 Feb 1758	" " "	
<u>Janet</u>	B 7 Mar 1760	" " "	
<u>McConachy, Charles</u>	<u>Jean</u> McConachy	M 5 Feb 1828	Rothesay
<u>McConachy, Daniel</u>	<u>Janet</u> McConachy	M 9 Jul 1818	"
<u>McConachy, David</u>	<u>Mary</u> McConachy	M 19 Feb 1828	"
<u>McConachy, Donald</u>	<u>Janet</u> McConachy	M 2 Jun 1743	"

\*\*Children Listed with Donald McConachy as their father:

<u>Katherine</u>	B 11 Sep 1692	Rothesay	
<u>Alexander</u>	B 10 Jun 1694	"	
<u>Isobel</u>	B 21 Mar 1728	Kingarth-Kerelcmont	
<u>John</u>	B 18 Feb 1733	" -Kerrochog	
<u>Neil</u>	B 1 Mar 1737	" "	
<u>Patrick</u>	B 5 Jul 1740	" "	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 22 Feb 1744	" -Kerrinerach	
<u>Mary</u>	B 12 Nov 1727	" -Druichagab	
<u>Donald</u>	B 25 Jun 1730	" -Brucchog	
<u>Mary</u>	B 20 Mar 1731	" "	
<u>Janet</u>	B 26 Mar 1733	" "	

\*\*Children listed with Dougall McConachy as their father:

<u>Elizabeth</u>	B 17 Jun 1748	Kingarth-Gallachan	
<u>Isobel</u>	B 18 Mar 1753	" -Bergodall	Crove
<u>McConachy, Hugh</u>	<u>Margaret McConachy</u>	M 11 Feb 1794	Rothesay
<u>McConachy, James</u>	<u>Janet McConachy</u>	M 1 Jun 1790	"
<u>McConachy, James</u>	<u>Catherine McConachy</u>	M 27 Jun 1780	"
<u>McConachy, James</u>	<u>Jean McConachy</u>	M 2 Mar 1809	"

\*\*Children listed with James McConachy as their father:

<u>Catherine</u>	B 30 Nov 1739	Kingarth	
<u>Donald</u>	B 29 Jul 1741	"	
<u>Donald</u>	B 29 Aug 1743	"	
<u>John</u>	B 11 Mar 1744	"	
<u>Robert</u>	B 15 Sep 1745	"	
<u>Catherine</u>	B 17 Mar 1746	"	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 14 Jun 1750	"	
<u>Archibald</u>	B 29 Aug 1751	"	
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Catherine McConachy</u>	M 20 Nov 1708	Rothesay
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Catherine McConachy</u>	M 2 Feb 1767	"
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 21 Apr 1696	"
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Elsbeth McConachy</u>	M 5 Nov 1740	"
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Helen McConachy</u>	M 8 Mar 1733	"
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Margaret McConachy</u>	M 17 Jun 1764	"
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 6 Apr 1772	"
<u>McConachy, John</u>	<u>Mary McConachy</u>	M 16 Jan 1692	"

\*\*Child listed with John Roy Mac Conachy as his father:

<u>Robert</u>	B 11 Jun 1692	Rothesay	
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\*\*Children listed with John McConachy as their father:

<u>John</u>	B 28 Feb 1692	Rothesay	
<u>Alexander</u>	B 27 Nov 1692	"	
<u>Alexander</u>	B 4 Feb 1693	"	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 16 Oct 1694	"	
<u>James</u>	B 10 Nov 1695	"	
<u>Donald</u>	B 16 Mar 1696	"	
<u>Child</u>	B 8 Mar 1728	Kingarth-Birgadall	
<u>John</u>	B 3 Oct 1730	" -Knockadrun	
<u>John</u>	B 3 Nov 1731	"	
<u>Alexander</u>	B 17 Jul 1739	" -Birgadall	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 17 Jul 1739	"	Twins
<u>Robert</u>	B 20 Jun 1744	"	
<u>Child</u>	B Mar 1748	"	
<u>Mary</u>	B 10 Dec 1749	"	
<u>Sarah</u>	B 27 Jul 1747	" -Kerrenonock	
<u>Margaret</u>	B May 1750	" Ambushmore	
<u>Robert</u>	B 25 Apr 1753	"	
<u>Jean</u>	B 16 Aug 1755	"	
<u>Robert</u>	B 26 Dec 1757	"	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 17 Mar 1752	" -Leibas	
<u>James</u>	B 11 Feb 1757	" -Stravanan	
<u>Alexander</u>	B 22 Mar 1759	"	
<u>Elizabeth</u>	B 1 Jan 1757	"	
<u>James</u>	B 17 Jan 1758	" -Birgadall	
<u>Margaret</u>	B 11 Mar 1759	"	
<u>Daniel</u>	B 8 Apr 1759	" -Langalierod	

\*\*Children listed with Patrick McConachy as their father.

<u>Isobel</u>	B 17 Jul 1727	Kingarth-Birgadall	
<u>Elizabeth</u>	B 11 Oct 1732	" -Kingovan	

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# Holdrege Mayor's idea led to the creation of McConaughy

It was called an "unusual suggestion."

Proposed by Mayor Charles W. McConaughy of Holdrege in 1913, the plan to bring water to central Nebraska suggested water be diverted from the Platte River during flood stage in the spring and fall to supplement annual rainfall. The water would be used to soak the soil and crops could draw on the water stored in the ground during the growing season.

McConaughy's inspiration for his idea came one day as he drove home from Elm Creek through the farm country north of Holdrege. He noticed a field of wheat with spots where the wheat grew tall with long heads. In other places the wheat was stunted and headed out before maturity.

After locating the owner of the field, McConaughy found that shocks of corn had been left in the field over the winter. Drifts of snow had collected around the piles of shocks and when the snow melted in the spring the water soaked into the soil. It was here that the wheat grew best. McConaughy's idea of supplemental irrigation was born.

On Nov. 28, 1913, the Tri-County Supplemental Water Association was created with McConaughy as president. It was to be the first of three organizations for irrigation of which McConaughy was a part.

Charles Washington McConaughy was born in Champaign, Ill., in 1859. He came to Holdrege in 1892 and worked as a clerk and salesman until 1893 when he entered the grain business. His interest in irrigation was aroused by his work as a grain merchant and as mayor of Holdrege for eight years.

In May 1914, McConaughy put his idea into print in *The Commoner* magazine edited and published by William and Charles Bryan. The article discussed the necessity of reaping an ever-increasing harvest through diverting flood water for irrigation of semi-arid land.



"Apparently nature has intended it for supplementing rainfall in this territory," he wrote. "All man must do is to lead it from the streams out upon the great divides and let it soak into the subsoil where it is ready for plant use."

McConaughy's efforts were rewarded when he obtained approval for a survey to determine the feasibility of the plan. Unfortunately, he was disappointed when the results of the survey returned. The surveyors had treated the plan as a regular irrigation project rather than a supplemental project, and had determined that there would not be enough water in the Platte River to irrigate crops.

McConaughy reiterated that it was his intention to take water from the river when it was in its flood stages rather than during the summer when the Platte was normally dry. But the unfavorable report ended chances of the canal being constructed for the time being.

McConaughy was not discouraged. He continued to speak on behalf of irrigation and was the main advocate of the water drive in its early stages. In a speech which revealed the depth of personal involvement in the crusade McConaughy said, "When I have stood and seen for weeks great volumes of water rolling down the Platte in the flood season to become a nuisance in the lower Mississippi and when I have seen the semi-arid lands

in our counties suffering and thirsting for water during the crop growing season, my heart has been set on fire with a vision.

"I have a vision of what Nebraska can be and ought to be if a combined effort were made by all of its citizens."

Tri-County nearly died in 1916, but gained new life the next year. But it was a lone battle which was just beginning. In 1922 the Central Nebraska Supplemental Water Association was born. McConaughy was elected president by acclamation and announced his plans to reinvestigate the possibility of an irrigation project to counter the earlier unfavorable survey report.

McConaughy's duties as president of the Central Nebraska Supplemental Water Association were many and varied. He was a fund-raiser, a lobbyist, a committee member and a speaker. If he was not in Washington, D.C. or Lincoln trying to persuade politicians of the merits of his plan, he was on the road trying to do the same to farmers and businessmen in central Nebraska.

As late as 1925, the emphasis was still supplemental water. But power was fast intruding as a factor in the development of an irrigation project and it demanded more than a supplemental application of water - it required a full-scale irrigation project with direct application of water to crops.



The '20s and early '30s brought one disappointment after another, but McConaughy and the other Tri-County supporters never gave up hope. Tri-County won its first victory on July 24, 1933 when the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District was approved. Shortly before Tri-County gained approval, another irrigation district which was to oppose Tri-County was granted approval.

The Platte Valley Public Power and Irrigation District (Sutherland), approved June 23, 1933, was opposed to Tri-County because it feared there would not be enough water for both districts. The two irrigation districts tried to reach an agreement over water rights, but all attempts were unsuccessful.

McConaughy opposed any affiliation with Sutherland because he feared an agreement with Sutherland would permit the city of Grand Island, which vehemently opposed Tri-County while supporting Sutherland, to exert its entire efforts toward the defeat of Tri-County.

Sutherland was continually questioning the validity of Tri-County's water rights, but McConaughy had renewed the application for water rights year after year, protecting Tri-County's claims and its existence.

Subsequent efforts to reach agreement with Sutherland also failed and, in the end, the two districts remained separate.

McConaughy also was opposed to another development in the water effort. The original project called for two Plum Creek reservoirs, but engineers recommended that a dam on the North Platte River at Keystone take the place of the reservoirs. McConaughy supported the inclusion of the reservoirs rather than the dam.

When the Tri-County project received final approval in 1935, the Plum Creek reservoirs were to be part of the project. However, engineers of the Power Division of the Public Works Association (which was financing the construction) again recommended that the District build the dam to create a reservoir which would hold a great amount of water and ensure plenty of water for power production.

McConaughy could not accept this decision and resigned from the Tri-County Board of Directors, thus ending 23 years of service to bring water to central Nebraska.

McConaughy lived to see much of the construction of the project for which he had worked so hard, but died on April 13, 1941, a few months before the formal dedication of the Tri-County project. Ironically, the reservoir he had opposed and the inclusion of which brought about his resignation, now bears his name - Lake McConaughy.

To refresh your memories, C. W. was a 'Gettysburger', long suspected before proven. The line, in summary:

Robert McConaughy b. 1691 & Eliz. Dinsmore  
Samuel McConaughy b. 1723 & Jane (Janet)

Buchanan

John McConaughy b. 1769 & Isabelle Forsythe  
Robert Anderson McConaughy b. 1812 &

Eliz. Henry (1st w.)

Robert Henry McConaughy b. 1835 &

Mary Jane Campbell

Charles Washington McConaughy & Margaret Wallace

C. W. had a son, Charles Wallace McConaughy, who was a lawyer in the East and died in Boca Raton, FL a few years ago and a daughter, Florence, who married and lived in Holdrege, last I heard.

Although C. W. died in NB, he was buried in Lafayette, IN! That we learned when one of my friends was conducting a cemetery census in Lafayette!

I corresponded with Charles Wallace and he said his father was very interested in family, but had no luck in tracing them. Unfortunately, it was after his death that I finally made the connection, although the spelling and the naming system always pointed to Gettysburg, so it was anything but a surprise.

The lake is also known as 'Big Mac' and noted for it's fishing

Some day it would be nice to locate Charles Wallace's daughter, Jane Wentworth (Mrs. Robert S. Wentworth) and tell her about the family!

## McCONAGHAY OF AHOGHILL

Quite often we receive anonymous or nearly so gifts. Some have no indication of their origin and we are grateful for them, but would like to be able to thank the donors. Others will give some indication of their origin or, as this one, the route is obscure. I do know who sent this manuscript to me, but not how he obtained it, except that it was not from the man who ordered the research! Since it is fairly recent and very detailed and interesting, I wanted to share it with you; so I wrote to the man who had the research done, Dr. Tom Long of Dublin. I had no response. I then wrote to the researcher, Thomas C. Lindert, and asked if he could provide a better or more recent address. He answered very promptly and advised that he had no other address.

I am going to proceed with copying the material so that it will be preserved, shared, available to help others and, in the end, hope that it will help Dr. Long, once we locate him! The research was conducted under the banner of "Hibernian Researchers (Association of Irish Professional Genealogists), Windsor House, 22 Windsor Rd., Rathmines, Dublin 6." We have had work done in Dublin, but not by this group. Dr. Lindert did send further information to you. I am sure that you, as I was, will be impressed by the detail and quality of the work.

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The required research on the family of James McConaghay and Anna Gibson has now been completed. Since their son, James McConaghay, is said to have been born in Ireland in 1866, a search for his birth was made in the General Registration Office. Only two James McConaghay entries occurred 1864-67, and, as can be seen from the attached photo-copies, neither was relevant. Two entries for John and John Alexander McConaghay for the Ballymena district were also examined and the one for John Alexander in 1866 proved to be correct.

A search was then made for the marriage of his parents. Although compulsory civil registration of births, marriages and deaths did not begin in Ireland until 1864, non-Catholic marriages had been registered from 1845. However, a 20-year search 1845-65 yielded no entry for the marriage. Since John Alexander's birth certificate gave his mother's name as Anne Jane it was decided to check out all Anne Jane Gibson entries from 1864 back. As the attached certificate shows, she married James Connaghty, weaver, son of James Connaghty, weaver, in 1848. From the ages they gave, James was born in 1825 and Anne Jane in 1828. It will be noticed that the name is registered as Connaghty and not McConaghay. However, as can be seen from the attached extract from McLysaght, many variations of this name existed, and there was little or no standardisation of spelling in the earlier period.

Since the couple were married in the Presbyterian Church at Ahoghill a request was sent to Rev. John Lyle of Ahoghill for a search in his parish records. It was hoped to find the baptisms of the other children, James, Anne and Margaret, the baptisms of James and Anne Jane and, if possible, the marriages of their respective parents. Since both families were living on Glenhue townland in 1848 it was hoped that this information would be in the registers. A reply has not yet been received but will be forwarded when available.

Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland, which lists the occupiers of land and houses in Co. Antrim in 1862, has no entry for McConaghay in Ahoghill Parish. However, entries for John Conaghty on Linnaharry townland and James Connarty in Ahoghill village are Ahoghill village when his son John was born in 1866 he would seem to be the James Connarty listed in Griffith. The Griffith entries which have been set out in the appendix to this report, also show a James Gibson on Glenhugh in 1862.

The Tithe Applotment book for Ahoghill is dated 1825 and shows the Gibsons on Glenhugh at that date as well as several Connaughty families in the parish. These entries have also been set out in the appendix, but James Connaughty's relationship to all or any of them cannot be established without some information from the parish registers. A search in the 1901 census showed no McConaghay, Connaughty or Gibson in either Ahoghill village or Glenhugh. One Samuel McCaughey who lived on Glenhugh would appear to be a relative by marriage to the Glenhugh Gibsons since an Agnes Gibson is listed as his aunt. No census returns for the area prior to 1901 have survived.

Finally, a search was made in N. L. I. MS 4173 which is a copy of a religious census carried out in Ahoghill parish in 1766. There were one thousand and fifty-five Dissenting families there including Samuel Gibson. No McConaghay/Connaughty occurred. If this family were weavers by trade rather than farmers, it is probable that they moved from place to place in search of work.

It is hoped that the information in this report will be of interest.

#### Appendix 1

Griffith: Primary Valuation, Ahoghill parish, 1862:

Glenhugh: James Gibson from Rev. Wm. O'Neill, house & 14 acres.  
R. V. #12-10.

Gloonan: Anne Connaughty from William Haughan, house. R. V. 10/-.

Linnaharry: John Conaghty, from Francis Turbett, house, R. V. 10/-.

Ahoghill Village: James Connarty from John Montgomery, house and garden.  
/R. V. #3-0-0.

Carniny: James Gibson from Robert McKane, house. R. V. #1-0-0.  
James Gibson from same, 11 acres. R. V. #13-5-0.

Lisnafillon: John McConky from William Gihon, house. R. V. #1-10-0.

Tithe Applotment book, Ahoghill 1825:

Glenhue: (3rd class arable, meadow and pasture. Tithe averaged at 12 pence per acre).  
James Gibson, 8 acres 2 roods 6 perches. Tithe 8/3.

Gloonan and Linnaharry: Nil.

Ahoghill town: (2nd class land, 15 pence per acre).  
Hugh Connaughty, 6 acres 1 rood 9 perches. Tithe 9/8.

Carniny: (1st class, 20 pence per acre). Samuel Gibson, 5 acres, tithe 7/10.

Ballyminestra: (2nd class, 15 pence per acre).  
Alexander Conaughty, 8 acres, tithe 10/6.  
Widow Conaughty, 5 acres, tithe 7/-.

Religious Census, Ahoghill 1766:

Dissenters] Samuel Gibson  
Jn. McCaghy  
Jn. McClughy.

1901 Census: Ahoghill town = Nil.







# First Presbyterian Church, Ahoghill



Minister :  
REV. JOHN LYLE, M.A.  
The Manse  
276 Galgorm Road  
Gracehill, Ballymena  
Tel. Ahoghill 216

Clerk of Session :  
SAMUEL SMALL  
137 Glebe Road  
Randalstown  
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Treasurer :  
WILLIAM GREER  
4 Lisnafilan Lane  
Ballymena  
Tel. 3102

Secretary :  
GORDON McILRATH  
132 Galgorm Road  
Ballymena  
Tel. 8089

1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1987

Dear Mrs O'Sygue

In reply to your letters of 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. -  
my registers prior to 1841 were burned & although we  
should be able to go back to 1654. Unfortunately the  
earlier years were destroyed. James Connaught &  
Anne Jane Filson were married in the Irish Church in  
Dec 1848 & I have the entry in the Church Register.  
The Irish entry in the Baptismal register that is relevant is  
Nancy daughter of James Connaught & Anne Jane Filson. (Pellie  
Townland of Ballylummin. born 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 1849.  
Baptized 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1849.

Then on May 25<sup>th</sup> 1853 - William Simpson : James : & John  
Sons of the late James Connaught & Anne Jane Filson -  
were baptized together

Then on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1861  
a child - Sarah Jane - was baptized. born to  
James H. Connaught & Anne Jane Filson on  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1861  
I don't know what relevance this may have, if any  
I can find no entry re John Alexander born 20/2/1866 - if

his parents are recorded as James Connaught &  
Anne Jane Filson then obviously the James  
Connaught deceased whose 3 sons were baptised  
on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1853 is with the same person.

There is no record of Margaret, James or Anne  
filson - only Nancy. Perhaps the parents  
after her birth moved elsewhere. In affairs  
it's rather a confusing picture. Thank them  
for your fee.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. G.

1901 Census: Glenhugh:

Samuel McCaughey, 32, farmer, Presbyterian, head of family.  
Maggie McCaughey, 34, wife.  
Agnes Gibson, 52, aunt, single.  
Annie McCaughey, 11, cousin.

APPENDIX 2:

The preceding report had been completed before the attached letter was received from Rev. John Lyle of Ahoghill. As can be seen, his registers date only from 1841, the earlier books having been destroyed. He notes the marriage entry for James and Anne Jane in 1848 and the baptism of their first child Nancy, born 28 Sept. 1849. This is, presumably, the Anna of family tradition, Nancy being a diminutive of Anne. The only other baptism recorded for this couple was for Sara Jane born 12 May 1861, who may not have survived infancy. No baptisms were registered for the other children, Margaret, James and John.

The three 'sons of the late James Connaghty' James, John and William Simpson, baptised on 25 May 1853 are probably James who married Anne Jane and his two brothers. William Simpson's name indicates that his mother's surname may have been Simpson. Adult baptism was not uncommon in nineteenth century Ireland. It is possible that their grandfather was either the Hugh or the Alexander Connaughty paying tithes in the parish in 1825.

The fact that only some children of James and Anne Jane were baptised as Presbyterians raises the query as to whether other children were baptised in the Church of Ireland or even in the Catholic Church if a mixed marriage was involved. If the James baptised in 1853 is the husband of Anne Jane he may not have been a Presbyterian at the time of his marriage in 1848. However, further investigation is beyond the scope of the present search, but could be undertaken if required.

MacLysaght: Supplement to Irish Families

(O) CONATY  
Mac CONAGHY

The Breffny name Conaty, peculiar to Co. Cavan, is definitely an O name, viz. O Connachtaigh, although another somewhat similar Mac name, MacConaghy, has been used here as a synonym of Connaghty which is a variant of Conaty, as also is Conoty.

MacConaghy is, in fact, entirely different: it is MacDhonnachaidh, branch of the Scottish clan Robertson, and is very numerous in north-east Ulster both as Mac Conaghy and as MacConkey.

Continuation of McConaghay of Ahoghill Search

Further research has now been carried out on the McConaghay family of Ahoghill and some success has been achieved. It was established in the earlier search that James and Anne Gibson McConaghay, married in 1848, had two of their children, Nancy (1849) and Sara Jane (1861) baptised in the Presbyterian church at Ahoghill. Since there seemed to be a possibility that either a mixed Catholic/Protestant or Presbyterian/Church of Ireland marriage was involved searches were made in both the Catholic and Church of Ireland records.

The Catholic parish registers of Ahoghill begin in 1833 but no entry for McConaghy occurred 1833-65. Application was then made to Rev. Maurice Leeman for a search in the Church of Ireland registers as far back as was feasible. His reply



is attached to this report but, unfortunately, only covers the period 1850-64. However, it shows that Margaret Connaughty was born in November 1852, Sarah Jane on 21 December 1853 and James, the ancestor in question, on 23 May 1862. Family tradition credits this family with four children, but they must have had at least six. Both the children called Sarah Jane born in 1851 and in 1861 must have died in infancy, and there may have been other children born between 1853 and 1861 who did not survive.

The register also records the baptisms of three children for John and Alice Connaughty, of Glenhugh and Linnaharry, presumably the same John noted in Griffith's 1862 Valuation. This John would seem to be brother to James and probably another of the 'three sons of the late James Connaughty'. Since both James and John had a son who had Alexander as part of this Christian name their grandfather was probably the Alexander Connaughty in the 1835 Tithe Applotment book on Lisnafillon..

It seems probable that the McConaghays were members of the Church of Ireland while the Gibsons were Presbyterians. The latter are listed as such in the 1766 Religious Census and appear to have been in Ahoghill from the early 17th century. The Hearth Money Rolls for Co. Antrim which 'contain a full return of the number of all hearths, fire (places), ovens, stoves and kilns within the county' shows two John Gibsons in Ahoghill in 1668 and 1669. One John Gibson had two hearths, but no Connaughty occurred.

Both James and John Connaughty were weavers by trade. Lewis's Topographical Dictionary for 1849 says of Ahoghill 'The parish contains 8,876 inhabitants of whom 477 are in the village ..... The linen trade affords employment to the greater number of the inhabitants. There are bleach-greens on the rivers Braid and Maine'.

The 'three sons of the later James Connaughty' baptised in 1853 may have been part of the intense Presbyterian revival which occurred in Ahoghill about that time. Rev. D. Adams in 'The Revival at Ahoghill' describes 'all-night scenes of prayer and weeping' in the parish. However, James and Anne Jane seem to have compromised and divided their childrens' baptisms between the two churches.

Further searches in the various sources, as listed, yielded no new information. The Church of Ireland registers begin in 1811 and it is possible that a personal application to Rev. Leeman would unearth more details of James Connaughtys antecedents. It is hoped that the additional information in this report will be useful.

#### Sources Consulted:

Catholic parish registers Ahoghill 1833-65.

Hearth Money Rolls, Co. Antrim.

G. O. 539 Protestant Housekeepers (Ahoghill).

Pender: Census of Ireland 1659.

Journals of the Memorials to the Dead in Ireland.

Gravestone inscriptions, Co. Antrim (incomplete).

Lewis: Topographical Dictionary.

Index to Marriage License Bonds, Down, Connor and Dromore.

Thrift: Indexes to wills in Dioceses of Dromore, Newry & Mourne.

Probate Calendars 1858-7..e

NOTES FROM THE HOUSTON, TX CITY DIRECTORIES

Compiled by Mildred Baker Beaman  
April, 1983

Here's a really 'fresh' approach to a volunteer effort! Mildred volunteered to do something to help and found her own unique project, one which could be done by others in other places and add greatly to our files. We thank her so much for her contribution to our files

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<u>#</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>History; Notes</u>
1	1866	12	Bliss L, carpenter, , Capitol between Smith & LA streets	Houston's Fourth Ward
			Stiles Mrs. A. M., teacher, Prairie between Smith & LA	Betty McConaughey's teache, 1870
			Stiles, W.W., clerk with J.E. Cowen	
2	1867-69	7		Carter?
		48	McConaughey, J. W., of Carter & McConaughey, Lawyers. res. Metropolitan Hotel	with the "e", only one "n" Albina? Betty? Bliss? J. D. was born May 1867
	ad	xxv	Geo. W. Carter -- J. W. McConaughey, Attorneys & Counsellors at Law, cor. Congress & Main St., 2nd St.	Wilson's Bldg.? Van Alstyne's?
3	1870-71	45	McConaughey, J. W. attorney-at-law c Main & Congress	
		95	Street Locations: Wilson's Bldg., c Congress & Main	Block included P. O., Pillott's, Gray's, Morris
		73		Reading 1870 census at Rice.
		82		Do 1880 Soundex @ Clayton, then read at ice.
	1872?			J. W. McConaughey died May 1872
	1873		NIL	
1				
2	1877-78	nil		
3	1879-80	nil		
4	1880-81	nil		
5	1884-85	89	Bliss, Daniel carp. res cor Beach, Crockett, Charles E., Sr. Carp. CH Bering & Co.	Also Charles, Edward, George Edward & Charles Jr. are apprentice blacksmiths
6	1886-87			
7	1887-88	nil		

8	1889	nil	
	-90		
9	1890	nil	
	-91		
10	1892	nil	Electric Streetcar
	-93		Beginnings of Houston Heights on north bank of Buffalo & White Oak Bayou
11	1894	373	McConochie Robert rms 606½ Main
		313	Kelley & McConochie, props; Opera House Restaurant & lunch counter, 312-314 Fannin
12	1895	nil	
	-96		
13	1897		Bliss, Daniel, contr., carp F. H. Palmerton, h. 1716 Beach
	-98		Bliss, Flonnie Miss, h. 1818 Walker Ave.
14	1900		No McCon Daniel Bliss still at 1716 Beach
15			No entry
16	1902		
17	1904		
18	1906		
19	1907	264	McConnaghy, Henry H., phys. & surg r 116 E 2d Ave, Houston Heights,
		440	druggist 3618 Washington (apparently same Henry?)
20	1908	282	McConnaghy, Henry, office & r 202 Blvd., Houston Hgts.
	-09		
21	1910		
	-11		
22	1911		McConnaghy, Henry, office & r 202 Houston Hgts. Ph Taylor 757
23	1913	565	McConkey, Earl G. yd clk-H&TC rms 1201 Washington
		565	McConnaghy, Hugh H., physician, surgeon propr The Pons dispensary 216 Blvd., Houston Hgts. r same Ph Aut B1633
		666	Pons Dispensary (The), Dr. Hugh H. McConnaghy propr, drugs
		1015	Physicians listing
		1129	Houston Street directory - Heights
		-30	
24	1915	336	Brown, George H res 2019 Marion
		648	McConnaghy, Hugh H, phys 111 2d av Ho Hts res same
			Noble (5th ward) from p. 213 2101 Marion e to Whitly 1101 Walter J A. 1115 N End H S 1116 Lamonte Samuel barber 1120 Musachi Roy grocer Cochran intersects

25	1917	295	Brown Geo H, foreman SP Shops res 2019 Marion	(Fifth Ward)	
		297	Brown Robt C., film opr bds 2019 Marion	<u>Lots</u> of Browns	
		650	McConnaughey Hugh H phys 216 Blvd		
			McConnaughey Elbina Miss bds 1909 Lubbock	near <u>Silver St.</u> , Washington Ava. area	
			McConnaughey Jas D. janitor Dow School res 1909 Lubbock	<u>Sabine</u> intersects Lubbock	
			McConnaughey Wassell G coll PF Collier & Son bds 1909 Lubbock	1909 McConnaughey J D 1912 Dow School .1913 Powers 1919 Tousey <u>White</u> intersects	
26	1918	303	Brown Geo H dept supt Intl Marine Iron Wks		
			Brown, Robt C. 2019 Marion USA	U. S. Army	Klein
		665	McConnaghy Hugh H phys 216 Boulevard		Lewis Friedman
			McConnaughey Charlotte Miss hskp/who?		Garies
			" Elbina Miss bds J.D.		Diaz
			" Jas D Janitor NS Jr/North Side Jr. High --	1115 Noble	
			" Wassell G coll, bds/U. S Navy: J.D.McC., USN	Jan 1917 at Charleston m. Estelle Viorde	
27	1919	337	Brown Geo H	Same entry	
			Brown Robt C h 2019 Marion USA	U. S. Army	
		746	McConnaghy Hugh H phys 111E 2n	@ LA	
			McConnaughey Charlotte M cadet	"The war to end all wars"	
			Salvation Army h 618 Drew Av		
			McConnaughey Jas B janitor NS Jr HS	Age 50	
			McConnaughey Wassell G hlpr SP Shops rms 1203 Lee	and Estelle? Donald G b Nov 1918 Fifth Ward. Miss MB Jordan, owner 1203 Lee	
28	1920 -21	912	McConathy Emmett r 512 W 18th	Arrival of a new family	
			McConaughy Francis J Mrs. lunch NS Jr HS	There must have been a caretaker's house on the school property	
			McConaughy Jas D eng Police Dept & Jan NS JR HS r same	But no r is listed for either	
		913	McConnaghy Hugh H phys 111 E 2d		
			McConnaughey Wassell G mach r Marion	(Double "nn" - thus the confusion perpetuates)	
		417	Brown Robt C eng h 2019 Marion	His father Geo @rown is no longer listed	
		1523	street directory Marion Street @ 1907 Geiger WM	Hogan Intersection	
			McConnaughey WG Schmidt FR Mrs. Bolin JC cossette Antonio		
			2019 Brown GH	Robert was almost "the boy next door"	



29	1922		Brown, Robt C. (Albina)	Married in Houston 22 Dec 1921
		930	McConaughey Jas E (Frances) janitor NS Jr H r same	James D died in Houston 1 Sept 1922
			McConnaghy Hugh H phys 111 E 2d	
30	1923		McConaghy Albert (Emilie) phys	A son of Hugh? TThey don't seem
	-24		r 1425 Kipling	to know their "n's" either
			McConathy Emmett (Agnes) cook	
			Owl Cafe r 2415 Shearn	
			McConnaghy Hugh H phys 111 E 2d	
		1015	McConaughey, Frances (wid Jas)	
			janitor NS Jr HS	r 1115 Noble
			McConaughey Hugh asst agt Texas	Who are Charlotte & Hugh? 20 b. 1904
			Co filling sta No 7	in N Mex; r 1115 Noble
			Brown Robt C. (Albina) caretaker	In herited the in-law's business
			NS Jr HS	
31	1925	505	Brown Robt C. (Albina) janitor	
			NS Jr HS	
		1107	McConathy Clarence W emp Ho	+ John, Emmett, Esther
			IceCream Co h 1911 Wash.	
			McConnaghy Hugh H phys	Albert McConaghy is gone, as are <u>all</u>
				our clan.
32	1926	1177	McConnaghy, Hugh H phys 111 P 2d	
			McConathy, Clarence W. h 2504	This family is growing
			Runnels	
			McConathy, Emmett L (Agnes) cook	
			Fred Harvey Cafe r 2415 Shearn	
			McConathy Esther Miss h 413 Enid	
			McConathy John T (Bertie) r 2504	but our group seems to have left town.
33	1927	1255	(Very similar entries)	" " " " " " " "
34	1928	1255	Brown	Re-enter our widow
			McConaughey Francis (wid Jas)	
			matron John Marshall Jr. HS	at Henry: in 1927 Mrs. Helen Paschal
			r 2121 Fulton	here
			McConathy Clarence truck driver	r 3808 Fox.
			Trinity Port. and Cement Co	
			McConathy Emmett (Agnes) cook	
			h 2415 Shearn	
			McConathy JM del Ho Box Lunch	
			r 1434 & 23d av	
			McConnaghy H H Dr aged 69 died	We lose our friend the doctor.
			10 Aug 1927	
35	1929		Brown	
	-30		McConathy	Wassell & Estelle have child in
				Jackson, MS. near Wayside), has
				Frances been with them?
			McConaughey Frances (wid JD) h	
			6813 Av J	
			McConkey Oscar tr driver Robertson	
			Bros Garage r 7630 Sherman	
36	1930	1231	McConathy Clarence W (Lucile)	
			Mac h 1624 W 23d Av	
			McConathy Claud r 1439 W 23d Av	
			McConathy JM r 1439 W 23d Av	
			McConathy John T (Birdia) h	
			1439 W 23d Av	
			McConaughey Frances (wid JD) h	(Mrs. H. M. Paschal is back at Fulton
42			6813 Av J	Address)

1932 Street Directory: Av J near Wayside Drive intersection:  
 6813 McConaughey F Mrs. \* [\*property owner]  
 Ince L I A boarder?

1005 Ince Lawrence I (Ione) carp  
 h 6813 Av J  
 Other Ince's are at 6933 Navigation -- Combination Sandwich Shop & a Welder

37 1931 Entries are about the same:  
 -32 Clarence McConathy is now foreman,  
 Metzger Dairies

38 1932 976 McConaghy John (Grace) r 704 Doctor Hugh's family returned?  
 Jackson  
 McConathy Birdie Mrs. emp Pea-  
 cock Lndry h 1435 W 23d  
 McConathy Clarence W (Lucile)  
 slsmn Metzger Dairies h  
 1624 W 23d Av  
 McConathy Claude can washer Metz-  
 ger Dairies h 1624 W 23d Av  
 McConathy John M baker Bluebonnet  
 Bake Shoppe r 1624 W 23d Av This family does find interesting  
 McConathy John T (Birdie) h employment:  
 1435 W 23d  
 McConathy Maurice Miss r 1435  
 McConathy Vera M Miss r 1435 W  
 McConaughey Frances (wid Jas D)  
 lunchrm mgr Geo Washington Jr 4701 Dickson  
 HS h 6813 Av J

242 Baker Jas D (Myrtle) h 1005 Compiler's parents: Married in  
 Walton 1932. Warren James Baker b. 1933

39 1934 997 (McConathy's are still here, much the same, at 1435 & 1624 W. 23d Av)  
 McConaughey Frances (Wid Jas D)  
 Cafeteria mgr Geo W. Jr. HS  
 h 6813 Av J

40 1935 1028 (McConathy's still on W 23d,  
 but NO McConaughey) Jackson, Mississippi??  
 Brown

41 1936  
 42 1937  
 -38  
 43 1939

Brown Robt C. Tchr Ho Vocational Albina?  
 School r 1115 Noble  
 McConathy Birdie Mrs7 (No Name  
 Cafe) r RD9 Box 143  
 McConathy Clarence W (Lucile M;  
 2) w 43d  
 McConathy Claude C (Martha M;  
 1) service man MW&Co  
 McConathy j m (Mary) cabtmkr  
 M-SM Co  
 McConathy John T (Birdie) elev  
 ope M-SM Co  
 McConathy Maurice (waiter No Name  
 Cafe)  
 McConaughey, Wassell G (Estelle: At age 43, Wassell brings back his  
 2) swtchman HB&Try h 202 N family, but not his mother.  
 Sampson Apt. 2  
 McConaughey, Yvonne clk Saxet Ice  
 Cream Co r 202 N Sampson #2

- 44 1940 Brown Robt C (Albina F;  
1) tchr r 2507 Everett  
King Ernest H (Annie P; Frances' family?  
2) reprmn Ho Trnk Fcty  
h 2425 Everett
- 666 McConathy Buster emp M-SMCo  
r RD 9 Box 143  
McConathy Clarence W (Lucille M; Generations come and go.  
2) formn Metzger  
McConathy John F (Birdie) elev  
ope M-SMCo  
McConathy Mackie typist WPA  
r 4925 Woodside  
McConaughy Frances (wid Jas D) Frances with daughter Albina  
r 2507 Everett @ Morris Street directory: Robert C. Brown  
Richd K r 2507 Everett Ernest H. King  
Wassel G (Laurie E) Swtchmn  
HB&TRY r 203 Mtby @ Franklin
- 45 1941 Brown Same entries, plus both have phones  
King  
McConaughy Frances J (wid Jas)  
Wassel G. (Estelle:2)  
swtchmn HB&TRY S Hagerman #6
- 46 1942 Brown Robt C (Albina; 1) tchr  
h 2507 Everett @ Boundary AV  
King Ernest H (Annie P:2)  
rprmn Ho Trunk Fcty h2425  
Everett  
McConathy Clarence  
J. M.  
John T  
Mackie  
Robt M.  
McConaughey Yvonne Miss  
r 6614 Av S  
McConaughey Frances Mrs.  
h 610 McIntosh  
McIntosh (5th ward) formerly Lovett Av) from 1 blk e of 2610 N. Main  
e to Gentry, 1 n of Boundary av, 610 is first number:  
Burns Jas H (owner) ptr Frances is one of five others listed  
(wife Emma) with them at 610 McIntosh
- 47 1943 McConathy Emmet L (Is now chef, Ben Milam Cafer DeGeorge Hotel)  
-44 (and this year the editors hold to their spelling:)  
McConaughey Frances (wid Jas) h 610 McIntosh  
Brown Robt C (Albina, 1) tchr h 2507 Everett
- 48 1945 (Into another war, Frances sits where she is)  
49 1946 (They modify her name to McConaghe, she stays on)  
-47  
50 1948 (...and lengthen it again to McConnaughe, and Robt C. Brown is n the Army  
again...)  
51 1949 (...Before I finally lose her!)

(Please note: Brown, Bliss, King, etc. are names that are associated with Mrs. Beaman's West Virginia line. I left them because they will be helpful to other members of that line. Now, I'm looking forward to 1950-1983, aren't you?)

## YOU GOTTA HAVE A FOOTBALL HERO!

Nothing since Lake C. W. McConaughy has caused as many inquiries as Tom McConnaughey of the New Jersey Generals! It must have been as soon as he signed up that the first person wrote. After 3-4 inquiries in rapid succession, I wrote to Virginia McConaha Kranz in Stockton, CA and asked if her sports' writer husband could give me an address for the Generals. I contacted their public relations' office and my letter was turned over to Tom, who responded rather soon.

Thomas Ross McConnaughey is 25 years old, one of two sons of Don McConnaughey of Federal Way, WA, long time member, although not active the last few years. Tom's grandfather, Addison Ross McConnaughey, still lives in Arkansas and is in his 90's. They are from the Ligonier line

Tom attended a junior college in Washington state then two years at the University of Central Arkansas (1978-9). At UCA in 1978 Tom caught 17 passes for 265 yards and 2 touchdowns. His per-catch-average was 15.6 yards. In 1979 he caught 31 for 444 yards and 2 TDs, a 14.3 yard-per-catch average. He was named, after that season, to the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference first team as a wide receiver.

The way to the pros wasn't easy for Tom, but he persisted and now could use our support! He is not only a McConnaughey, but has the membership card to prove it as he chose to join the Society.

For our 'SPORTS SECTION', we present several articles about Tom for your enjoyment.

# Finding Home as Generals' pass catcher

By JENNY KELLNER

Orlando — By 5 p.m., most of the New Jersey Generals were trudging towards the lockerroom and an early dinner at the University of Central Florida. But not Mike Friede, Tom McConnaughey, Larry Brodsky and Mark Slawson. The four receivers were having such a good time playing with the football they didn't want practice to end. And, like children, they found themselves begging receiver coach Gil Krueger for "just 10 more minutes."

The Generals' receivers like to play together. They also hang out together and do callisthenics

*'It's kind of nice to be appreciated for what you can do.'* — Tom McConnaughey

together and have become so close they have been dubbed the Three Musketeers and the Black Falcon.

"THEY ARE A unique bunch," said Krueger. "Each one is different. Larry's got great hands. Mark has a terrific attitude — he's always smiling. Mike can do everything, play any position, including tight end. And the unique thing about Tommy is that he not only has unbelievable dedication to working on his weaknesses, he's got tremendous concentration. He can make a catch, and people will say, 'How did he make that?' And it's not because he has great hands — he's got good hands, not great ones — but because he can concentrate on the ball and the ball alone."

McConnaughey, a graduate of Central Arkansas, came very close to making it in the NFL. Two years ago, he was the last player cut by the Saints, after playing three preseason games. Last summer, he was released by the Jets during the final week of camp, after he had impressed everyone.

"I always thought I had a chance to make the Jets," said the 6-2, 180-pound McConnaughey. "Maybe I was naive or something. But I guess they

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previous year. But in the NFL, you have to have great speed to make the first team receivers, and I ran a 4.6. And the second group has got to be good on special teams."

That was why the Jets hung onto Kurt Sohn instead of picking up McConnaughey. And if it hadn't been for the USFL, McConnaughey wouldn't have gone back to try out next summer, either.

"NOT UNLESS I got a promise from the coach I would get a real good look," he said. "When you're a free agent in the NFL, nobody pays much attention to you. I didn't want to go through the same old stuff. If it hadn't been for the USFL, I probably would have gone into coaching, which is what I want to do eventually, anyway."

But instead, McConnaughey is listed as the starting strong side wide receiver for the Generals' season opener against the Los Angeles Express Sunday. And people are paying attention to him.

"It's kind of nice to be appreciated for what you can do," he said. "When I got home last summer from the Jets, I heard about the USFL and thought I'd wait and see what happened, see if it was going to be a class league. And when I first got here, to the Generals, I didn't know anybody. I really thought first off, 'What am I getting into?' But I'm impressed with the coaching staff here, and especially with Coach (Chuck) Fairbanks' knowledge of the passing game."

The following article is from the Camden-Post.

Camden, N.J., Feb. 1983

## Third time may be a charm

By AUGIE LIO  
Herald-News Staff Writer

Although he failed to make the grade in previous tryouts with the Saints and Jets of the National Football League, Tom McConnaughey is hopeful that he'll make it with the New Jersey Generals of the United States Football League this time around. He said something about not striking out.

"I've got good vibes about it this time," said McConnaughey. "What I learned at the Saints' camp in 1979, and again with the Jets in 1981 is going a long way in helping me here. I know what is expected of me."

McConnaughey is a wide receiver. He's 6-foot-2, 180 and 25-years-old, and played his college football at Central Arkansas.

"I WAS WITH THE Jets right up to the week before the start of the regular season in 1981," added McConnaughey. "Coach Walt Michaels said it was a numbers game. He said he was going to keep five receivers. He kept Curt Sohn over me because Sohn could return kickoffs and punts."

McConnaughey went home to Seattle after the Jets cut him, and went back to graduate school to get his master's degree in physical education, and help coach the Central Arkansas football team.

After a year's hiatus, McConnaughey was happy to get back into football.

"The USFL was a good place to get a fresh start," said McConnaughey. "I like it very much being with the Generals. It is a first class outfit, and coach Fairbanks knows his stuff."

MCCONNAUGHEY SAID over the telephone from Orlando, Fla., — the

Generals' training camp — that the camp has been a beehive of activity and excitement since New Jersey's signing of Georgia University Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker on Wednesday.

"I think it is great. It will help us," said McConnaughey. "And we are not thinking about how much money Walker is being paid. That's something we can't do anything about. We are just excited that we have a player of that caliber."

"I repeat. Walker is going to help us, but we've got other good backs here like Terry Miller, Thomas Lott, Larry Coffey and fullback Dwight Sullivan from North Carolina State," added McConnaughey. "They are good running backs in their own right."

AFTER STATING that he expects to room with former Giant wide receiver Mark Slawson when the Generals settle in at Giants Stadium, McConnaughey saw the team being a representative and a competitive one in the USFL. "We've got some good boys. Many could make it in the NFL."

Speaking for Fairbanks, the Generals' public relations director Kevin MacConnell said McConnaughey has a great pair of hands, and has been one of the pleasant surprises of the training camp.

"Dan Lloyd is here, and doing well," said MacConnell. "But we are loaded with linebackers, and Lloyd might have trouble making the squad."

MacConnell continued: "We'll be cutting down to 45 players Sunday. And then we'll name the 10 player development squad (included in the 10 are five players from the 45-

man roster). And the season opener against the Express in Los Angeles is on March 6," concluded MacConnell.

GENERAL NOTES: New Jersey believes it has a good acquisition in tackle Greg Murtha, who started the 1982 season with the Minnesota Vikings and finished with the Colts. Murtha, 6-foot-6, 260, 25-years-old, played college ball for Minnesota where he earned all-Big 10 honors and played in the Senior Bowl and Blue Gray game. He was drafted in the sixth round by Philadelphia in 1980 and was picked up on waivers by the Vikings in 1981. The USFL has completed its personnel assignment for its League Scouting Combine, with the hiring of six area scouts who will report to Gary Petercuskie, coordinator of scouting for the USFL. The full-time scouts are Sark Arslanian (former head coach at Colorado University); Ed Cavanaugh (former head coach at West Point); Bill Long (talent scout for the Cleveland Browns); Carm Piccone (who has 30 years of college coaching experience); Pill Pollum (talent scout for several NFL teams); and Bobby Walston (who has served as director of player personnel for the Eagles and the Bears). The Generals open their home season at Giants Stadium against the Tampa Bay Bandits on Sunday, March 20 at 1:30 p. m. ESPN will televise a total of 34 USFL games on Saturday nights and Monday nights, including three doubleheaders. The Generals will appear on ESPN five times during the league's inaugural season. And all 18 of the Generals' games can be heard on WQR-Radio (710-AM) in New York.



.....And Some are Poets!

In a small pamphlet entitled 'Secrets of a Dying Christian', Martha Evelyn Mc Dowell (b. 16 Oct. 1927 and d. 6 Aug. 1982) gives us a priceless gift, thanks to her family's interest in preserving her efforts. Her husband introduces the poetry thusly:

"The only poetry known to be written by Martha McDowell was composed in the final days of her eight-month struggle with cancer. As her earthly journey was nearing its close, the previous pain and anguish faded away and all medication for pain was discontinued. Clear in mind and spirit, but so weak she could barely whisper, Martha was enabled to pen the three poems included here. They were not discovered until some days after her departure to be with the Lover of her soul, who at last became her constant vision. To those of us who knew Martha, some of her lines bring a smile because they are written with the twinkle in her eye that sometimes appeared even in her pensive moments. Other passages startle us with their solemnity, which speaks of an inner life which no one but her Lord ever saw. It is our fervent prayer that this legacy of a dying Christian may brighten the path of others as they make their way toward that better City."

ASCENDING

"My head that once was thickly crowned,  
My ears that never missed a sound,  
And eyes that once could see for miles,  
And teeth that lent yourselves to smiles,  
A nose that could detect each scent,  
I wonder why you all are spent --  
When I still want to read, & listening hear  
The music, & see the glistening dew on trees  
And Flowers & lake outside my window,  
Where I make my daily observation from my chair  
Because my legs won't take me there.  
But thanks you, Lord, for scenes to view,  
Though dimmer, & if days be few  
To further look on Thy creation.

I ask Thee now for much more patience  
To help me see the life ahead  
With Thee, when all of this world's dead.  
So may my senses be revived  
By knowing that Thou hast contrived  
To teach me well the folly of clinging  
To earthly joys -- I should be flinging  
These away to think on Thee and  
What Thou hast prepared for me --  
A lake, a home, a world of beauty,  
Where serving Thee is highest duty.

Some other year we'll present Poem #3. Martha was a descendant of Rebecca Mc Conaughy & Phillip Daily of Washington & Fayette Counties, PA. The poems were sent by her cousin, Sally Ord, with the permission of her father.

TO A FRIEND

"O Prissy Cat!  
You little dear,  
I love you so --  
And yet I fear  
That you don't  
Care a little bit  
How I love you,  
How much I'm smit.  
You are so queenly,  
Little cat, & yet so meanly.

You disdain tender care & pets & hugs,  
You'd rather sit & scratch your bugs.  
Some gratitude, that's all I say!  
But then I must recall the day  
I first saw you, outside -- a stray,  
Begging to come in & stay,  
And be my pet & live forever  
In a house with bed & cover,  
Never, never more to roam  
The streets in search of a good home.  
And since the time we've had each other  
You've never ever been a bother.  
You've got your pride and I've got mine,  
Somehow we get along just fine."

## ANTHONY McCONAHA

This may appear to be repetitious to those of you who study your monthly newsletters, but a new line should be introduced in the Bulletins which receive wider circulation than the newsletters.

It was particularly exciting to be 'in on' the discovery of Anthony! Remember Maxine Terrel of Derby, KS? She was seeking her three younger brothers who had been put out for adoption 35+ years ago. By last year's bulletin she had found two of them, adopted by the same family. There was a tremendous reunion with an older brother from Washington, the mother from California (together with a nother 'new' member of the family, a younger sister), the two brothers from Oklahoma and Maxine from Kansas. They then arranged for the mother and sister to move back to the general area where the others lived. In time they found the last brother and the family circle was completed once again.

After this 'in depth' search, Maxine turned to the other end of the family to see what she could find there. I made some suggestions and some turned out to be at least a little bit helpful, but she really did most of it herself and located one Anthony McConaha, a 'different' name for our people and one which should be rewarding to follow.

U. S. District of New York deeded town lot in Pultney on the Ohio River to Anthony of Ohio Co., State of Virginia on 1 Nov. 1799. Anthony & Rebecca McConoughey sold lot 20 Feb. 1802 still of Ohio Co., VA; so apparently decided not to move to Pultney, at least not at that time.

In the 1820 census, Anthony Knox McConaha was in Morgan Co., OH with a family consisting of 2 males under 10 (b. after 1810); 2 females under 10; 2 females 10-16 (b. 1804-10); one fem. 16-26 (b. 1794-1804) He & his wife born before 1775.

In 1830 Anthony is gone, but George is still in Morgan Co., leaving in the late 1840's. There was another brother, Anthony b. ca 1814 (George b. ca 1812).. From the Salt Lake City records I find Esther Ann McConaha m. Amon Wills 12 July 1836 in Morgan Co., OH and Susan Conaha m. Solomon Hedges 11 Oct. 1838, Morgan Co., OH and I believe that these two are sisters of George and Anthony.

There is also a marriage for Rebecca McConaha to Henry Moor 11 Oct. 1838 Morgan Co., OH., which might be the widow or, possibly, a daughter born after 1820? In looking at the 'facts' (as we have them), a daughter would be more likely as Rebecca, the widow, would be 63+ at this time.

Poor old Perry, b. 1840, who married Eliz. Mable Engles, finally has parents after spending 20+ years in my files as Perry, parents unknown! That's always a relief! George M. McConaha (b. 1812), son of Anthony & Rebecca McConaha, married Elizabeth Adkins and had:

Luther McConaha	b. 1832 m. Sarah Eliz. Duffy b. 1863??
Riley McConaha	b. 1836
Amanda McConaha	b. 1837 m. Amos Miner
Perry McConaha	b. 1840 m. Eliz. Mable Engles
Celia McConaha	b. 1842 m. Henry Miner
Ira McConaha	b. 1846 m. Lizzie _____
Van McConaha	b. 1849 m. Sarah L. _____



Anthony McConaha b. ca 1814 m. Emma Warfel and had:

Hayden McConaha  
Flavius Perry McConaha b. 1869 m. Faye Leola Runnels  
Earl McConaha  
Belle McConaha  
Bertha McConaha m. J. J. Hunt  
Don McConaha  
Mack McConaha (Chief Dispatcher for RR in Kansas City, MO)

Another 'stray' found a home a couple of generations later, down from Luther B. Barker b. Aug. 1832, son of George McConaha & Eliz. Adkins, who married Hilda & had:

Luther Barker McConaha b. 1858 m. 10 Feb. 1880 Sarah E. Duffy  
Bessie McConaha b. June 1881 m. Henry R. McLaughlin  
Cap McConaha b. May 1864 m. Ena \_\_\_\_\_  
Maj McConaha  
Mack (Charles) McConaha  
Womie McConaha

Luther Barker McConaha, b. 1852, son of Luther & Hilda or Hulda, m. Sarah Eliz. Duffy 10 Feb. 1880 and had:

Guy S. McConaha b. Sept. 1885  
Mable Hope McConaha b. 28 July 1886  
Harriet G. McConaha b. July 1889  
Alga M. McConaha b. July 1894  
\*Fredrick Waldo McConaha m. to Ada Belle LaBrier

\*Years ago -- over 20 probably, I had a brief correspondence with a Ronald McConaha in Colorado which was Fredrick Waldo's line, but never got past that. Several years later his daughter, a teen-ager, wrote, hoping to get more information about the family, but we didn't have it then! When we did get it, the addresses were obsolete, so I hope she gets in touch again!

Haven't heard from Maxine for a while, but I'm trusting she is still working on the line and will soon have more to add. The name Anthony, being so 'unique' (For McConaha's) may be a real break-through in Scotland and Ireland!

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE -- Dues for Retirees now \$12/year; Students/\$10/year

## McConnaughey Society of America

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- 1961: McConnaughey Society founded by Pat McConnaughay Gregory with assistance from Samuel Chalmers McConahey (1876-1971), Kenneth Earl McConnaughay (1899-1975), Stuart Alyn McConnaha, and others.
- 1963: 1st Bulletin published, 32 pages, paid for by voluntary contributions.
- 1964-1971: Collecting, researching, and assimilating material from SCM above into the records here in Indpls., including the previous collection of Dr. David McConaughy (1860-1945) + trying to raise seven youngsters then (1971) 11-22 years old!
- 1971: 2nd bulletin, 64 pages, annual ever since -- now over 90 pages.
- 1976: First annual Gathering in Indpls., IN -- annually ever since on the week-end containing the 2nd Sat. in August.
- 1977: Incorporated as a non-profit organization for the purpose of preserving & publishing information about McConnaugheys and the variant spellings.
- 1980: First 'bonus book' for members (Report of Research in Ulster Ireland, 1979); 1st 'extra' publication, 100+ pages of records of McConnaugheys, etc. in the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City; 1st state chapter, Arizona, formed.
- 1981: Started working on a chapter in County Antrim, North Ireland; prepared 2nd 'bonus book' for 1980 members (2nd volume of Salt Lake City material); prepared 12th annual Bulletin for 1981 members; continuing research & accumulation of records.
- 1982: Prepared McConnaugheys, etc. recorded in the 1900 census as a 'bonus book' for 1981 & 1982 members; accelerated collection of Civil War records; 7th Gathering with members from 16 states and North Ireland!
- 1983: 8th Annual Gathering and 13th Bulletin; Aug., on BBC by phone talking about the McConnaughey Society; membership list on computer.
- Dues: \$17.50 per year for 1983 & 1984 (each) including the Annual Bulletin & the monthly 'Disa & Data' Letters. Dues are for the period 1/1-12/31 each year, payable in your birth month, if not before, to assist bookkeeping & cash flow.
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- Donations: Of material, time, and money are always wanted and appreciated. We will copy & return your original records (usually the day received), or arrange to have them copied & re-emburse you (for original records, please), or we will keep records for preservation if for any reason you prefer that method. We urge you to send what you have & what you find -- even if not your line. Your material may help someone else and theirs may help you.

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### GATHERING, 1984

Plan NOW to attend the NINTH ANNUAL McCONAUGHEY SOCIETY OF AMERICA GATHERING to be held at the Holiday Inn, Southeast, Indpls., IN (May be marked Beech Grove), on Aug. 10, 11, 12, 1984. Do more than that, plan to bring others & encourage more to attend, think up ideas for future planning; bring pictures & items of interest to display. Again, we'd like some prizes & favors, preferably some that are appropriate for McConaughays of Scottish & Irish ancestry, but NOTHING is too small. Also, items for the Auction. Many bring food items for the Friday picnic (8/10/84) which adds to the variety & fun; but none of these things are mandatory.

Fri. evening there'll be an outdoor supper at the Gregorays, (5410 S. Meridian), Sat., Coffee & rolls at the meeting site followed by an instructive talk by -- an an yet 'undetermined' speaker ---; then lunchion, then meeting, then dinner, then meeting. In between times we have a Scottish Fair with items from Ireland, Scotland, & England (Not Taiwan & Korea!) for sale at reasonable prices (profit to the Society). Bring your problems & we'll try to solve them, especially on Sunday and thereafter as the pace simmers down.

Price is still \$30 per person (as it has been for several years) which includes everything but your room. If a place to stay is all that stands in your way, let us know & we'll try to work that out for you, too -- with six children having their own homes, it's very possible! We ask for a deposit of at least \$10 which is not refundable, but which applies to your per person cost & will be used toward dues or whatever if you find you are unable to come. This is \$10 per person, couple, or group, not every single person. The sooner we KNOW how many are planning on coming, the better we can plan, so put us down now for 1984 and write to me that you are coming. Additional information will be furnished upon request and/or after you have registered. SEE YOU IN '84!!!!!!!

We'll be there!

We want \_\_\_\_\_ room(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ people on Aug. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 1984. We would like to stay with local folks \_\_\_\_\_.

We want more information, specify kind, i. e. campground, etc. \_\_\_\_\_.

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

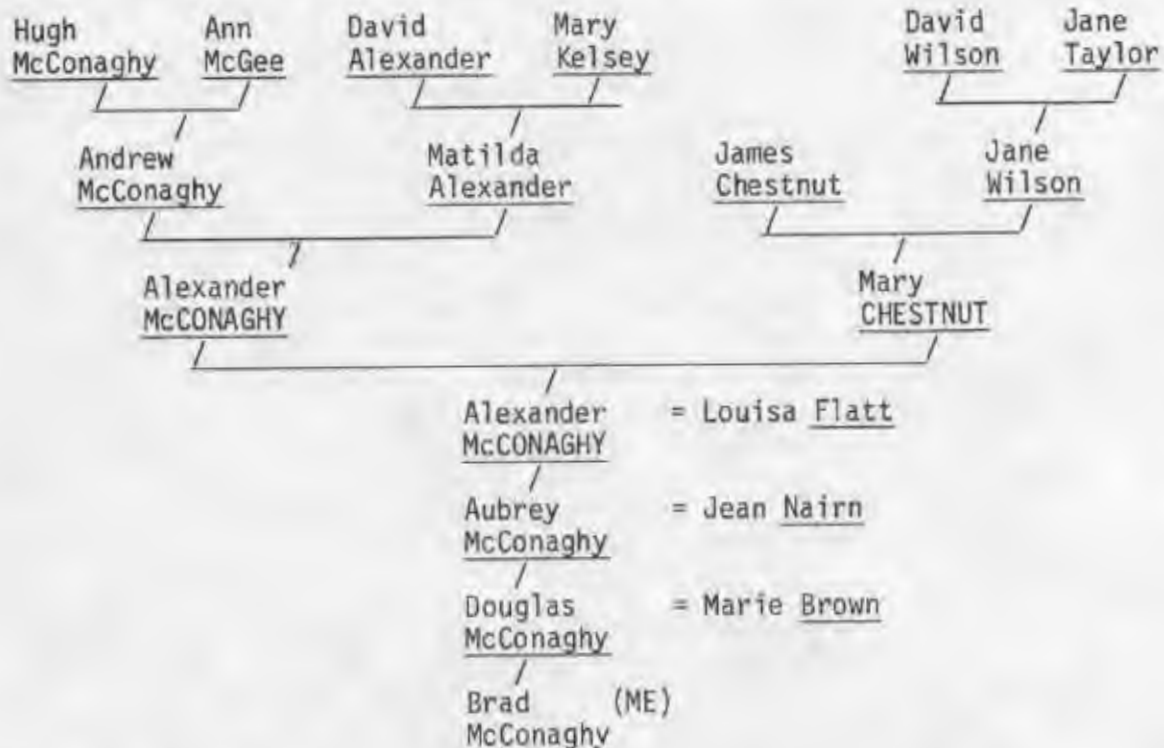
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## SOME AUSTRALIAN McCONAGHYS

by Brad (McConaghy) Smith

Following is a sketch of some of the Australian McConaghys:



David Alexander was a farmer.

James Chestnut was a farmer, m. Jane Wilson and had: Mary, Anne, David, Thomas, ?,?,?,, Ellen,?

Hugh McConaghy, stonemason, m. Ann McGee and had Andrew, etc.

Andrew McConaghy b. 1801/02 d. 19th Nov. 1888 at Paddington, Sydney. Lived at Bushmills near Portrush, ancestor migrated from Oban, Scotland because of religious persecution. Original name from Scottish "MacConachie". Stone mason, also lived in Ballymoney. M. Matilda Alexander ca 1857 Parish of Dungeverock. Children: Martha, David, Alexander, Robert, Matthew, John, Joseph, etc. Matilda b. 1815 d. 6th May 1889 Paddington, both came to Australia mid 1870's and lived with son Alexander.

Alexander McConaghy b. 3 March 1836 at Ballymoney d. 29 Oct. 1918 Sydney, Carpenter, emigrated to Sydney Australia 5th Dec. 1863 (elder brother David emigrated to New Zealand at the same time, cousin David settled in Cootamundra, Australia same time). Arrived as an assisted emigrant on the "Hotspur." m. Mary Chestnut b. 7 March 1847 at Belfast d. 9 July 1933 at Mosman, Sydney. Emigrated to Sydney on "General Coulfield" arrived on 12 Oct. 1865. Domestic servant in Ireland, native place Kirkhills ca Antrim.

Note: Has anyone followed up on Oban, Scotland? Looks likely!! pmg



## A LOOK AT MCCONNAUGHEYS IN HUNTINGDON CO., PA

For years Dee McConaha (Mrs. Ray McConaha of Traverse City, MI) thought she was the only person alive interested in McConaha's in Huntingdon Co. PA. In the past few years, however, others have joined her and there's a lot of interest in the area and more than one line, it appears.

We found several in the Civil War records and managed to connect two brothers, but still couldn't make any real head-way. Then a letter from Pamela Ukele in Kansas about her grandmother, Etta Imo McConnaughey who married Thomas Brigham. Etta was working in Hiawatha, KS at the time. Her mother attended the ceremony, but Etta's father, George, died in 1907. Pamela presented two newspaper clippings as 'evidence' -- one regarding the marriage of Etta and an obit for a David McConnaughey who had a son, George, as follows:

"MCCONNAUGHEY - BRIGHAM -- Thomas Brigham and Miss Etta McConnaughey were married Saturday at 12 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Brigham. The bride wore brown silk and carried bride's roses. Miss Elizabeth Yaw played Tannhauser's wedding march. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Johnson of the Evangelical church of Hiawatha. After the ceremony a three course dinner was served. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Gillispie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morgan, R. M. Stewart and daughter Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sherrer, Tom Hart, Miss Anna Evans of Stella, Neb., Mrs. McConnaughey, Ed, John, Myrtle and Ward McConnaughey, Mr. & Mrs. Strube of Baker, and Elizabeth Yaw. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham are both fine young people and both know how to work and manage, and their host of friends wish them a long and happy life. They will live on one of Mr. Brigham's farms southwest of Padonia."

Jobs for women were strictly limited in those days -- even educated women; so Etta had taken a job as a maid in the home of a very nice lady, Mrs. Morgan, I believe. Obviously, she was well-thought of in the community. Her future in-laws went out of their way to provide a good 'send-off' for the couple.

"David McConnaughey was born at Mt. Union, Huntingdon county, PA., July 15, 1927. Died Feb. 17, 1905 aged 77 years, 7 months and 12 days. The deceased lived and grew to manhood in the above named place. He was married in 1852 to Lavinah Stewart of the same place. After living there for 12 years they moved to the state of Ohio, where they resided for two years from which place they removed to Illinois. After living there for eleven years, they decided to cast their lot in the west, locating in Nemaha County, Kans., seven miles south and one mile west of Pawnee City, Neb., at which place they have continued to live ever since. He leaves a widow, five sons and three daughters, namely -- Henry, Elmer and Alfred of Pawnee; George of Hiawatha, Kansas, John of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. C. E. Evans of Pawnee City; Mrs. A. J. Johnson of Shenandoah, Ia and Mrs. C. C. Grier of Baileyville, Kansas. He lived to see all his surviving children married except John of Rochester, N. Y. He also leaves one brother, who still resides in Mt. Union, Pa. Deceased retired from active work several years ago. The immediate cause of his death was erysipelas and lagrippe. In his early days he joined the Dunkard church and was an active member for several years, and of late years he united with the United Brethren church south of Pawnee. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robb of the United Brethren church, at which all the children were present except Mrs. Johnson of Shenandoah, Ia."

I was so thrilled to see that reference to where he came from that I almost 'orbitted' ; instead, I checked the 1900 census for Huntingdon Co., Mount Union Township and found James McConnaughey, born ca 1825, just a perfect 'fit' for David's brother! More about him later!

The very day Pamela's letter arrived, came a large envelope of marriage licenses from Pawnee Co., Neb., courtesy of George McConnaughey who lives in Glenrock, Wyoming! When I examined the licenses I found they were for the children of David McConnaughey and Levinah Stewart! With this additional information we now had the following family:

David McConnaughey b. 15 July 1827, Mt. Union, Huntingdon Co., PA  
d. 27 Feb. 1905 Nemaha Co., KS

Son of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
BD. \_\_\_\_\_

Married on \_\_\_\_\_ 1852 at Mt. Union, Huntingdon Co., PA  
by \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Levinah Stewart b. \_\_\_\_\_, Mt. Union, Huntingdon Co., PA?<sup>1</sup>  
d. after 1905 at \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
bd. \_\_\_\_\_

They had at least eight (8) children. \*Listed in obit. + From marriage lic.

+ \* 1. Henry D. McConnaughey b. 1856 PA  
Married on 12 June 1879 to Martha C. Smith

\* 2. Elmer McConnaughey b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Married on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

+ \* 3. Alfred McConnaughey b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1864 PA  
Married on 22 Jan. 1888 to Adaline R. Wertz

+ \* 4. George McConnaughey b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1858 PA  
Married on 21 Nov. 1880 to Mary A. Swagger

\* 5. John McConnaughey b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Married on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

+ \* 6. Sarah E. McConnaughey b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1866-7 IL?  
Married 1st on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Married 2nd on 1 Mar. 1899 to Elijah E. Evans

\* 7. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Married on \_\_\_\_\_ to A. \_\_\_\_\_ J. \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson

\* 8. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Married on \_\_\_\_\_ to C. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_ Grier

Next to the Civil War records we've been collecting and to James file. He even had a death certificate and it showed William McConnaughey and Elixabeth Trexler as his parents! I always advise caution with death certificates as the information is only as good as the informant -- still == it's a lot better than nothing and has every chance to be correct! In this case it was Mary McConnaughey, probably his wife, nee Mary Jane Farmer. They had seven daughters and one son, another Jams.

I already knew that Daniel McConekea was the only one in Huntingdon Co., PA in 1800 census. There's Daniel & Hugh McCanghey in the 1810. There's still a Daniel McConety in 1840, but only one young son, a wife, and 5 daughters. From Civil War papers we know that there was at least one other brother, Andrew, b. ca 1821. There's also a Michael McConahy, with a wife only. There's a Robert McConahay with wife and two small boys, but I know from other sources that he was born 1800-1810 and his children were born 1837, 1839, and 1840 and he died in 1840. This leaves one Elizabeth McConahay in Cromwell Twp., next door to Robert (so her husband likely was Robert's brother?) with a boy 10-15 (b. ca 1825-30); a boy 15-20 (b. ca 1820-25); a boy 20-30 (b. ca 1810-1820); another man 30-40 (b. ca 1800-1810); a girl 15-20 (b. ca 1820-25) and the head of household, Elizabeth, 50-60 (b. ca 1780-1790) and that should be Eliz. Trexler McConnaughey! Looks like we have to dig further for William's parents, but Daniel is a likely candidate, isn't he?

Last year (1982) I heard from a man in Arizona, as follows:

"Dear Pat: Enclosed is my check for dues. I established contact with the Arizona chapter and have attended one meeting so far -- although I receive all the announcements. I know very little about my father's side of the family, but I (and our 3 sons) would like to know more. The little I do know is as follows:

My father: Walter Eugene McConnaughey, born 10 Oct. 1888 Pawnee City, NB  
d. 26 Dec. 1970 Washington, D.C.

married to Hannah Marie Anderson No brothers or sisters

My Grandfather: Alfred Walter McConnaughey married to Adeline Wertz  
No brothers or sisters!

Me: William Eugene McConnaughey, Born 28 March 1921 Lincoln, NB  
married to Eunice Neville Ensor

My Sons: Thomas William McConnaughey b. 27 Jan. 1948 Wash., D.C.  
James Walter McConnaughey, b. 8 May 1951 Wash. D. C.  
Robert Alan McConnaughey, b. 13 Feb. 1956 Wash., D. C.  
All unmarried

I am retired and live here in Sun City with my wife. I was educated as a chemical engineer and spent my working life in research and development activities with the Navy and the Coast Guard. I was primarily a civilian but also retired as a Captain in the Naval Reserve.

If you can shed any light on my family background, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Sincerely, Bill."

Imagine what a thrill it was to tell Bill about Pamela and also about his grandfather's seven brothers and sisters, plus his great grandparents and his great-great grandparents? I haven't heard from him since, but hope he enjoyed it half as much as I did!

Back in Michigan, Dee is still trying to fit her line onto Daniel, which is where she thinks he belongs! She put an ad in the local paper in Huntingdon Co. and received the following reply:

"Dear Mrs. McConaha, I saw your ad in the Daily News Hunt. Co., I am very much interested as my dad's mother was a McConaughy from Shirley Twp. Her mother and dad are buried in the Gilboa Cemetery near Shirley sburg. She left out there and went to Bratton Twp., Mifflin; so very little is known of the family. Her mother's maiden name was Farmer which I never heard. I would be glad to get you any information I could. The girls were Mary married Joe Ronk. I know



some of them. Sally married George Showalter. I used to know some of them. Martha married Dave Burkett. After she passed away he married her sister Alice. Maggie married my grandfather Part Renninger. Catharine unmarried. Viola married Frank Miller. I believe there was a daughter Nannie d ed young. One boy Henry who was killed by a span of runaway mules. I am 65 years old and my dad is dead. We used to take him to Gilboa to the cemetery but I would like to know are you going to write a book. If so, please let me know as I would like to buy one. My great grandfather's name was James. I believe he died about 1906.

Sincerely, Evelyn G. Brunner"

I was again delighted to add more to the line, but unable to establish a longer correspondence with Evelyn. She said there was only one son and so did the pension record, but it gave his name as James. From the following obits, I would suspect that James did die, and likely by a span of runaway mules -- only the name was in question.

From the Huntingdon Globe (Weekly Paper), Thursday, August 23, 1906:  
"DIED: McCONAGHY - IN SHIRLEY TOWNSHIP, AUGUST 15, 1906, JAMES McCONAUGHY, AGED 78 YEARS: James McConaghy, 78 years old, died at his home near Cora, this county, on the 15th inst. of paralysis. His remains were buried in the Reformed Cemetery west of Shirleysburg on Saturday morning. The services were conducted by a minister of the German Baptist Church of which Mr. McConaghy was a member for many years. The deceased was a member of Captain Ambrose Ault's Company, 205th Regt., Pennsylvania Vol."

From Huntingdon Semi-Weekly News, Monday, March 6, 1911: "Mrs. James McConnaughey, widow of the late James McConnaughey, passed away peacefully at her home in Gilboa, on Saturday evening February 25th, after a few days sickness. She was aged 84 years, and has spent most of her life in that valley where she was loved by all, her life being an example which all should try to follow. She was a devoted member of the Brethern Church and leaves to mourn her separture six daughters. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. A. Norris, Tuesday morning after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Gilboa Cemetery."

Six daughters, no sons mentioned. Was this the 'end of the line'? Let's check out James' brother, Andrew, also a Civil War veteran. Both men sometimes used the spelling Maconaughey which is one reason they weren't noticed by some searchers.

Andrew Maconaughey b. ca 1821 in Huntingdon Co., PA married Eliza Long, b. 1838, on 25 Sept. 1858 and they had two sons, Alexander R. b. 1 Dec. 1858 who married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ and George W. b. 22 Jan. 1865 who married Belle \_\_\_\_\_ and had a large family. Andrew enlisted in the Civil War as a fifer. In 1865 he came home for leave due to illness and died while home (9 June 1865). His widow survived him for many years, receiving a pension for his services until 9 March 1910

Still another C. W. veteran came from the Huntingdon Co., PA Maconaughey line -- Elisha Peter Maconaughey b. 28 March 1843, married Sarah R. Beard or Baird and moved to Morgan Co., WV He died 16 Feb. 1925 Prince Wm. Co., VA and his death certificate might show how he fits in with the others, but that, for now, must wait for more tracking! There's lots more to be found in Huntingdon Co.!



TID-BITS FROM KANSAS & NEBRASKA

Courtesy of Pamela Ukele

Pamela lives in Hannibal, MO and teaches school. She has been 'digging' whenever time permits and spent one particularly hot day above an appliance store going through old cemetery records and in a loft going through newspaper files! She's still working on her end of the Huntingdon Co., PA McConnaugheys and we look forward to having more about these people in the future.

Scott Cemetery, Pawnee City, Nebraska:

David McConnaughey b. July 15, 1827; died Feb. 27, 1905; North Lot 12,  
Block 6, Grave 7

Earl McConnaughey b. 17 March 1895; d. 23 July 1895; North Lot 12,  
Block 6, Grave 8

Levinia McConnaughey died 20 Feb. 1919 at 85 years of age; North Lot 12,  
Block 6, Grave 8

James Elmer McConnaughey b. 27 March 1865; died 21 August 1932, age 67;  
Lot 12, Block 6, Grave 12

Alfred W. McConnaughey, died 16 Jan. 1838 at 77 years of age; Lot 157,  
Grave 6, Original Section; Lot owner = Mrs. Mary Wertz.

Adeline McConnaughey, b. Mason City, IL 3 April 1863; died 25 Nov. 1949  
at 86 years of age; Lot 157, Grave 7, J. E. McConnaughey - Lot Owner.  
Original Section.

James Elmer C. McConnaughey born in Ohio, 27 March 1865 married 18 May 1892 to  
Asnith Jane Yarnell. In 1897, they moved to State line 9 miles south of Pawnee  
City. There were four boys born: Glenn, Earl (died in infancy), Ralph, John.  
One of 12 children,\*3 of whom survive him: Alfred McConnaughey of Pawnee City;  
Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mrs. C. C. Greer.

\* Note: Maybe four died young? We have only eight. Or maybe we just need to  
look some more??

The Pawnee Chief, Pawnee City, NB, Wednesday, 21 Nov. 1934, State Line News: Word  
was received here last week from Glenn McConnaughey that his mother, Mrs. Elmer  
McConnaughey had passed away Saturday, 10 Nov. She had been making her home with  
her son, Glenn, in Cleveland, Ohio. Her many friends will be saddened to hear of  
her death.

(Note: Isn't it great they way they change their names around? Eliz. Evans above  
is elsewhere known as Sarah E. Evans and here we have James = Elmer! Anything to  
make our job more frustrating!)

The following from a Zerox copy sent to Pamela by Mrs. Johnnie Godbout, Kansas City.  
Mrs. Godbout is the daughter of Myrtle McConnaughey Scheutz, a sister of Etta Imo  
McConnaug<sup>2</sup>ey, Pam's grandmother:

'McCONNAUGHEY -- George F. McConnaughey was born at Mt. Union, Huntingdon Co., PA,  
28 July 1857 and died at his home northeast of Hiawatha, Friday, 1 March 1907 of  
heart disease. His death was a shock to all who knew him as he had been in usual

health. He was married 21 Nov. 1880 to Mary Swogger (Swagger?) of Pawnee City, Nebraska at which place he resided until he moved to Brown County with his family. A number of years ago he joined the Evangelical Church at White Hall and was an active member. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss. The Children are Mrs. Henry Strube, Etta, Edmund, John, Myrtle, and Ward, besides his family, an aged mother and three sisters and four brothers: Elmer, Alfred and Mrs. C. E. Evans of Pawnee City, Nebr.; H. D. of Sabetha; J. C. of Rochester, New York; Mrs. A. Y. Johnson of Shenandoah, Iowa; Mrs. C. C. Greer, of Baileyville, all were present except J. C. of Rochester. The funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church Sunday. Pres nted by J. B. & Mrs. P. T. Hinthorn, Funeral Directors and Licensed Embalmers, Phone 125, Hiawatha, Kansas."

Note: This explains why Etta had to go to work as the oldest unmarried child

Back Row: Mrs. Thomas Brigham (Etta Imo McConnaughey), Thomas Brigham, Uncle Crawford, Ralph Brigham (son), Orpha Glenn Wheeler, Grandma Harvey.

Front Row: Uncle Henry, Aunt Ollie, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred McConnaughey



Standing: Mrs. Thomas Brigham (Etta Imo McConnaughey); Child = Ralph Brigham

Seated: Mary (Etta's mother) and Nancy (Mary's mother)



Colored pictures do not come out as well as black & white, but we wanted you to get a look at Pam and her family:

Standing Left to right --Alan C. Miller, Brother-in-law; Stephen Marshall Ukele, brother; Lee Fred Ukele, brother.

Seated: Paula Sue Ukele Miller, sister; Marshall H. Ukele, Father, and Pamel Day Ukele.

On Paula's lap: Jean Adrian Miller, the first grandbaby in the family

Taken in November of 1981.

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#### THE ONE-TIRE SWING PLAYGROUND

To Meghan, Christmas 1980 from Aunt Priscilla A. Ord.

There's a one-tireswing playground  
With a one-tire swing,  
An arched climb-across,  
And a fort-like thing.'

There are metal bars,  
Where I hang my knees,  
If you hold my ankles  
When I say, "Please".

There's an A-frame walk-through  
And a chain-climb-up slide  
That I scramble up  
And slide down sometimes.

There're two tables for checkers,  
And a NO-DOGS-ALLOWED sign,  
Four benches for sitting,  
And a trash can that's fine.

There's a knotted rope what's-it,  
Where I sit when I can,

And lots & lots of dirt  
And lots of sand.

There're places to hide  
And places to peek;  
You count to three,  
And we'll play Hide-and-Sneak.

Come along, Aunt Pris,  
Let's go for a walk;  
We'll make shadow rabbits,  
And we'll hop & we'll talk.

We'll pick up leaves  
And look for good sticks;  
I'll walk on walls  
And do other tricks.

And, before you know it,  
We'll arrive at our quest --  
The one-tire-swing playground --  
It's the place I like best.

(Meghan & her aunt Priscilla are descendants of Rebecca McConaughy & Phillip Daily of Washington & Fayette Counties, PA, early 1800's)

## THE HUGH McCONAUGHY FAMILY OF BELMONT CO., OHIO

by Elenor Grant Pistole

My line of McConaughys are through my paternal grandmother, Mary McConaughy, who married Robert Martin Van Buren Grant. Her line eventually shortened their name to McConaha.

Her grandfather was Hugh McConaughy born in Ireland 1779 and either came or was brought to this country when a child. I know not which. In the West oral stories handed down are sometimes called pancake stories and I have lots of those, some which proved to be true. My grandmother said her people settled in Virginia, some fought in the War of 1812. They were farmers and the land they had was so poor they could not make a living on it. How I wish I knew the county. Finally they bound out their twelve year old son to obtain money. Crossing the mountains in a covered wagon they built a cabin in a clearing in the wilderness. By wilderness they would have meant the Ohio frontier. Their oldest son, John, was born in Virginia in 1803 and he would be the one apprenticed out. Hugh married Jane Maxwell. According to Ohio 1850 census, she was 55 years old, born in Delaware, but on the 1860 census she is listed as 70 years old living with her son Hugh. This would mean Jane was born 1790 or 1795 and I do not believe she was old enough to have been John's mother and she may have been a second wife.

Whether Hugh came directly to the Virginia Coast from Ireland or migrated down the central valley of Virginia from Pennsylvania, who knows. They certainly would have been in Ohio before 1820, therefore, be considered Pioneer settlers. There is a Hugh McConaughy listed on the 1820 Belmont Co., Ohio census.

There was supposed to have been a large family but the 1830 Ohio census shows Daniel born ca 1820 and Hugh born ca 1828 and two girls. I do not know what became of any of the girls or for that matter, John. John became so homesick, he ran off, crossing the mountains by himself, at a time when there were Indians still around. Maybe the older girls married young and it may be that John went to work for someone else when he arrived in Ohio. I hope there is an answer.

Hugh and Jane's son, Daniel, married Amelia Carpenter and Hugh married Nancy Morgan year of 1853, Perry County, Ohio, in a Catholic ceremony by the Rev. Father Clarkson. Their children were Margaret, Sarah, William, Mary, Thomas, Hugh, Ida, and Emery. There is also listed as a dependent James on the pension papers prepared by Nancy, but I think this could have been one of the grandchildren she raised. Their older girls died young leaving small children.

Daniel and Hugh volunteered for the Civil War and were privates in K78 Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry and went into service November 17th 1861. They were in the same regiment. Hugh contracted typhoid at Shilo and after two different hospitals was discharged in 1862 as being unfit for duty. Daniel also received a medical discharge. Hugh had spinal complications and his arms and legs continued to swell throughout his life along with the dysentery that he was never able to shake. Hugh died August 1883, Wood Co., West Virginia.

After the Civil War Hugh moved his family to Noble County, Ohio for a short time then both he and Daniel moved their young families to Wood Co., West Virginia where they spent the remainder of their lives.



### John McConnaughy's Will

This one John has caused more consternation than some of our Davids and that is saying a lot! He's a Gettysburger, usually using the McConaughy spelling. He managed to fog a number of issues by marrying Isabelle Forsythe in Nicholas Co., KY in 1799 and promptly leaving for Ohio! The problem is that there was another John McConnaughay there at the same time!

John's sister, Sally McConaughy, married William Thomson. They went to Nicholas County, KY, settled and stayed there. So, it wasn't at all strange that brother John went down to check out the situation -- he wasn't one of the older sons, so had to go away to find some land. It was quite common those days for settlers to go to KY and wait until the treaties with the Indians in Ohio were completed, then they had a 'head-start' for the newly opened up land. While waiting, he also got himself a wife -- Isabelle Forsythe, daughter of William Forsythe. It's possible that he had known her in PA, may even have followed her to KY; but his sister's presence offered another possibility and certainly would make his travels more comfortable.

Lest anyone get worried about the use of the initial F. by William, let me hasten to say that in later life he even went by the name Forsythe McConaughy and his brother, John Harvey McConaughy names a son William Forsythe McConaughy; so the F. really did stand for Forsythe.

From Probate Court, Georgetown, Brown Co., OH comes John McConnaughy's Will:

"Be it remembered that on the 31st day of March 1840 the last will and testament of John McConnaughy deceased was produced in open court and proved by the oaths of A. W. Marten and Henry Marten the subscribing witnesses thereto which will and proof were to be recorded and are in the words following to wit: 'I John McConnaughy of Union township in the County of Brown and state of Ohio do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say First it is my will that my funeral expences and all my just debts be fully paid. Second: I give and devise to my son Robert A. McConnaughy the farm on which I now reside situate and being in the county aforesaid being part of Alexander Breckenridges survey and containing one hundred and seventy-three acres be the same more or less to him the said Robert A. McConnaughy his heirs and assigns forever by paying the following legacies or sums of money to the rest of my children. First: to my sons William F. McConnaughy, Samuel T. McConnaughy and David M. McConnaughy each two hundred and fifty-seven dollars to be paid to them at the end of five years after my decease and to my son John W. McConnaughy six hundred and forty-two dollars to be paid him at the end of five years after my death and to my daughters Jane Adams, Silly Sutherland, Margaret Curtis and Mary Sutherland each three hundred and eighty-five dollars to be paid to them in five years after my decease and to my daughter Isabella fifty-six dollars to be paid to her yearly after my decease and at the end of five years after my death seven hundred dollars making nine hundred and eight dollars at which time the yearly income ceases also one good horse saddle and bridle. . At my death all of the above sums of money and legacies is to be paid by the said Robert A. McConnaughy who is also to pay all my funeral expences and just debts and for executing this my last will and testament and I hereby lend the above described farm for said legacies or sums of money I further bequeath to my said daughter Isabella three cows, eight head of sheep, two French posted bedsteads and bedding, one large cherry bureau, one large dining table, and cherry candlestand, cupboard, and all the cupboard ware, three green windsor chairs, three yellow windsor chairs, one loam, and as much of the kitchen furniture as tshe pleases, three volumes of Keats' Bible, one large carpet,

and one large wool shell. All my personal property not herein mentioned of every nature and description I give and bequeath to my said son Robert A. McConaughy and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said sons Samuel T. McConaughy and Robert A. McConaughy executors for this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of June 1839.

Signed & published & declared by John Mc Connaughy (seal)

Witnesses: Henry Marten, A. W. Marten

Proof: A. W. Marten, Henry Marten, 31st of March 1840

John put a lot of responsibility on Robert A., didn't he? I'll just add a bit about Robert Anderson McConaughy FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

### ROBERT ANDERSON McCONAUGHY

Wm. Forsythe, Samuel Thompson, & John W. McConaughy were all older than Robert A., yet Robert A. got the home place and the big job, settling the estate. Very possibly John had given land to the older sons or help them purchase land. This doesn't explain why John (the son) got a much larger portion than the others, unless the expenditures on his behalf were not as large as the others? There is also another younger son. Why didn't he get the home place? Maybe the same situation applied to him -- he was given or helped to get land, so Robert got the home place.

Robert Anderson McConaughy was born 12 March 1812 in Ohio and married 1st on 1 or 11 Jan, 1835 to Elizabeth Henry who had Robert Henderson McConaughy ca 1835 and John McConaughy ca 1836. Eliz. died 23 Jan, 1840 at the age of 34.

R. A. married 2nd on 23 Mar 1842 to Eliz. Myers who had Elizabeth McConaughy and died, possibly of complications from child-birth, 18 Feb. 1843.

Twice a widower at age 31 with three small children, no one could fault Robert A. for marrying a 3rd time to Ellen or Eleanor Turner, 17-18 years old. Father John would have been proud of his persistence, I'm sure! R. A. & Ellen had:

*Lucy Evelyn (Eva) MyConaughy	b. 15 Jan. 1860
m. on 22 Jul 1885	to Isaac Mitchell
Anna McConaughy	b. 9 Mar 1851
m. on _____	to Lee Chessman
Charles McConaughy	b. _____ 1853
m. on _____	to Frances Drennan
Lou B. (Luella) McConaughy	b. _____ 1853
m. on _____	to David Pence
Ruth McConaughy	b. 14 Feb. 1858
m. on _____ 1891	to Elijah Fitch
Sarah Rebecca McConaughy	b. 17 June 1863
m. on _____	to Joe Scipelt or Seipelt
Edward F. McConaughy	b. _____ Never Married
Allis J. McConaughy	b. ca 1849

So, all's well that ends well and R. A. ended with a family of ten!

\*Ancestor of Society member Betty Johnson of Geneseo, &L.

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE VAN WERT, OH McCONAHY/McCONAHAY LINES

From Data submitted by Treva A. McConahay

Introduction: Thanks to so many people, we're making some head-way with this area! Ladeanne McConahay, Col. John's wife in Colorado, has been working hard of it; a couple of people (from other lines) sent names and addresses in the Van Wert area and items of interest from newspapers, etc. In time, Treva McConahay wrote and sent the history of her family, so we are finally able to see some clear definition in at least two lines in that small area! The material used in this article came from Treva. We must also be grateful to those who went before who took time to write down the history as they knew it.

"The following history of the McConahay (McConaghey) family, Nov. 16, 1947, is being copied by Ray H. McConahay, from papers left by Mary Ellen McConahay Armstrong:

Grand Fathers Family

Grand Father	Samuel McConaghey
Grand mother	Nancy McConaghey
One daughter	Martha McConaghey

Sons: Hugh, Samuel, Thomas (and wife Sarah), John, (our father); James, and Archible, and some of our family are under the impression that there was one named Robert. My Father John McConaghey was born in County Antrim Ireland near Belfast in the year 1784; came to this country in 1810, settled in Ohio, Wayne County, near Wooster. Died Sept. 14 1871 age 87 yrs. 6 mo 2 da was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Married Maria George<sup>1</sup> had eleven children:

Elizabeth	
Hanna Maria	Grand Father Thomas George
Hugh	Grand Mothpr Elizabeth George
Sarah	
John	
Andrew	Sept. 14, 1844 to Oct. 1, 1844
James	
Mary Ellen	
Nancy, Samuel, Thomas	(Note: These three hand-written below typed list)
Elizabeth, Samuel, Thomas, Andrew,	are dead (1947)

John is living in South Sioux City Nebraska, The rest of us are all in Ohio.

Elizabeth McConaghey	<sup>2</sup>	(Dec. 12 1826)	(Feb. 10 1851)
Nancy	"	<sup>3</sup>	(July 7 1828) (1899)
Samuel	"		(Mar 9 1830) (May 29 1871)
Thomas	"		(Oct 11 1832) (Aug 14 1858)
Hannah Maria	"	<sup>4</sup>	(July 19 1834) (1892)
Hugh	" "	<sup>5</sup>	(Aug 6 1836) (1914)

<sup>1</sup> m. 6 Dec. 1825	<sup>2</sup> m. James Reed	<sup>3</sup> m. 12 Apr 1853	Wm. Lehr	<sup>4</sup> m. 20 Feb.
1862 Philip Miller	<sup>5</sup> m. 1 Jan. 1862	Samantha Gearhart		



Sarah McConaghey	1	(June 22 1839)	(1919)
John	"	(May 23 1842)	
Andrew	"	(Sept 14 1844)	(Oct 1 1844)
James	"	(July 11 1846)	(1909)
Mary Ellen	2	(Oct. 25 1850)	(1923)

1d. 27 Aug. 1907      2m. Harrison Armstrong

(Maria George McConaghey d. 17 Aug. 1875, age 71, dropsy; John, Jr. m. March 1880 Smithville, OH (Divorced); Guar. Joseph Clements, dau. Mary Eliz. b. 6 Apr 1881. These notes on marriages, etc. from SLC books. pmg)

From Treva McConahay, 5 July 1983:

"In the Annual Bulletin XIII, page 54, paragraph 7: The John McConahay in Wayne County with a son John, age 8, was founder of our line of McConahays, who came from near Belfast, Antrim County, Ireland in 1810 according to his naturalization papers. He was born in Ireland in 1784 and we do have the names of his mother, father, brothers and sister but not his mother's surname..

"The young man in the group 'Mountain Mist' on page 8 of Bulletin XIII is the fourth generation born in the United States. True Irishmen, John and sons married later in life so have fewer generations.

"Only he and one brother came to the United States, by our knowledge, where they engaged in the shipping trade back to Ireland. The brother drowned when the ship sank during a crossing. After that John came to Ohio where he was established in homesteading in Chester Township, Wayne County, by about 1814 (we believe) and became a United States citizen in 1840.

"Since we have certain knowledge of the following two generations of John's descendants and by our knowledge were not related to other McConahay in Wayne County, it must be unlikely that we are of the Van Wert line. The spelling on the cemetery markers is McConaghey (which we believe is the original spelling), although spelled McConahay on John's naturalization papers.

"In Salt Lake, Vol. 2, pages 17, 18, and 19, John McConahay, Maria George, Nancy, Hugh, Hannah, Ray, and Milo are of our line.

"Enclosed is a copy from THE HISTORY OF OHIO published by B. F. Bowen & Co. Indianapolis 1910, concerning Hugh, who was John's son. Also a copy of the original family history is enclosed (see above).

"The family of John's youngest daughter has the most complete set of family papers to which we have been unable to gain access as yet, but will try again. We do have records through third generation which we will copy soon to send to you."

Did I say, Treva, that I would love to have further records? Also, I wonder if anyone has checked for naturalization papers for Thomas, who might have gotten them at the same time John did?

For source of the following article, see the letter above, THE HISTORY OF OHIO, etc.:

Hugh McCONAHAY

One of the highly respected and successful farmers of Wayne county, Ohio, is Hugh McConahay, who is now enjoying an old age in a manner be-



fitting a man who has been industrious and honorable for so long a time. He has been a hard worker and a good manager and has been amply rewarded not only by material success, but by winning the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

In tracing the history of the McConahay family we find that John McConahay left his home in Belfast, Ireland, and came to America in 1811. After a year or two here he went back to his native land on a visit, but in 1814 returned to this country and located in Wayne county, Ohio. He purchased heavily timbered, unimproved government land, and in developing the same he experienced all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, he being one of the first settlers in Chester township. He was successful in all his operations and was one of the influential men of that township for many years. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church in Ireland, later joined the Presbyterians and was a faithful member until his death, in 1871, at the advanced age of eight-seven years.

John McConahay was married to Maria George, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Armstrong) George, of Clarkson, Virginia. Thomas George lost his life while returning from service at the front in the war of 1812. His wife then returned to her old home in Columbiana county, Ohio, and later moved to Canaan township, Wayne county, this state. Mrs. John McConahay died in 1875, four years after the death of her husband. To their union were born ten children,; a granddaughter was also reared in their home. They were Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Reed, Nancy, deceased wife of William Lehr, Hannah Maria, deceased wife of Philip Miller, Samuel went to California in 1852 when the "gold fever" was rife, and returned in 1869, dying at home in 1871; Thomas went to Nebraska in 1856, died there in 1858; John enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, in February 1864, in Company D, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, also with the Forty-Eighth Regiment, serving until the close of the war, and he afterwards, in 1868, located in Dakota county, Nebraska, dying there in 1908; James who occupied the old homestead, died in June, 1909; Sarah, wife of Philip Miller, and Mary Ellen, wife of Harrison Armstrong, both reside in Wayne county, Ohio.

Hugh McConahay, the immediate subject of this sketch, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1836, the sixth child of John and Maria McConahay. He grew to maturity on the home farm and assisted with the general work about the place when only a boy; he attended the neighboring schools during the winter months, and then turned his attention to farming as a life work which he has continued to follow with gratifying results.

During the Civil War Mr. McConahay proved his patriotism by enlisting in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and proved to be a faithful soldier. He is a member of Given Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. McConahay was married on January 1, 1862, to Samantha Gerhart, daughter of William and Mary Gerhart, of Wayne county, Ohio. Her death occurred in 1889. Later Mr. McConahay married Mary Jane McFeron of Columbiana County, Ohio.

The McConahay family is one of the substantial and highly respected families of Wayne county and deserve a high rank in the history of its citizenship.

# Firebaugh's Annual Victorian Christmas Open House Former Hugh McConahay Homestead



This 14-room, three-story Victorian home is the former Hugh McConahay Homestead which the Firebaughs are in the process of restoring. Construction of the Queen Anne Victorian home was begun in 1882 by Hugh McConahay, son of John McConahay and Maria George. John McConahay of Belfast, Ireland, settled in Wayne County in 1814, being one of the first settlers of Chester Township.

His son, Hugh, was the sixth of 10 children. Hugh attended local schools and helped farm during the summer. He served during the Civil War in the 169th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and married Samantha Berhart on Jan. 1, 1862. The McConahay family was one of the substantial and highly-respected families of Wayne County.

While the home was under construction, Hugh and his wife lived in a log cabin located in what would now be the area of Smith Road. Most of the lumber for the home was taken from the family's saw mill, which was shut down shortly after the house was completed.

The title to the property traces back to 1814 when the property was purchased from the president of the United States for homesteading. The home, which originally was built on a 32-acre parcel, features

THIS photograph of Hugh McConahay, original owner of the home, was taken around 1882 when he retired and construction of the six-bedroom home began.



plan to open our home for a Christmas celebration annually. We save old houses, and nestle them.

story bedroom which is under of a display in the main second - rooms from kitchen area, one part - as well as information on nesting entrance. The McConahay mementos, of the home, is in the main Hugh McConahay, original owner This photograph of the house.

family photographs belonging to the furniture throughout the house.

There are several old Ball Avenue in Weston.

12-foot, one-ton hard-core major any masonry which belonged to August Fingard who brought the first pine Christmas tree to this area. The murder was moved to the same by Fingard's grandson, Wayne Hart, and his wife in 1929. The murder was originally in the Fingard home which is now St. Mary's rectory on

White House when he became president. In the dining room stands a 140-year-old Today Roosevelt in his home and later in the in the main entrance. The pattern was used by pattern, called 'The Rose', which is of particular authentic reproductions of the Victorian Period. One staircase are all of interest. All of the wallpaper is said. Two fireplace, three lofts and the main - four of the rooms and the upstairs hall are fire - ceiling cornice of white oak are featured throughout and ambient window. Tuscan door arches and a ballustrade curved punch, pediments windows



From La Dean McConahay letter, 23 Aug. 1983: "Thanks for the information about the Hugh McConahay house in Ohio. What rings a bell with me is the fact that 'Most of the lumber for the home was taken from the family's sawmill' because as I told you previously, Don's dad, John Floyd McConahay, told us his grandparents came directly from Scotland and operated a sawmill on the 'Black River' in Ohio. If Don's great-grandfather were this John McConahay who settled in Wayne County in 1814, then Don's grandfather, John, must have been younger than this Hugh who was married in 1862. Our John would have been 14 years old at this time."

Col. John's brother, Howard, found two graves in the area in Iowa where the family lived for T. J. McConahay 9/12/1813 - 12/30/1886 and Sarah McConahay -8/8/1817 - 3/31/1888. The ages would be right for a son John, b. 1848/ John, the immigrant, had a brother THOMAS who had a wife, Sarah (see 1 page of this article). All those boys and only one came with John and he drowned? I would be very surprised if there weren't more than one with him. I would like to know who the witnesses, sponsors, etc. were for John when he became a citizen. I would also love to have the papers for any other McConahays naturalized in that area and time period when John was.

According to his pension records, John, Jr. was discharged from service in the West and stayed there, in Nebraska and Iowa, where he died (actually died in Nebraska). I find him in South Sio City, Dakota, Nebraska in the 1900 census, apparently alone. It would be interesting to check for him in the 1870 and 1880 census???

As is often the case, Hugh sounds like the epitome of success in the County history account. He sings a different tune when he tries to get a pension! The truth, no doubt, lays somewhere in between, as usual!

I'm still intrigued by these people and hope that next year (if not sooner) we'll have some more new and startling developments!



DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE!

THAT'S how I describe this gentleman's problem! He has two McConaughy lines! He's not along, of course, but a lot of us have to settle for one!

Already discussed in the Oct., 1983 newsletter, this line needs further exposure. Richard Bisbee, 135 Covell Rd., NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49504 gives the background of his family.

".....I am a descendant of Esther McConaughy who was born in Ireland, moved to Washington Co., PA (the Strabane region), m. John Frank, moved to Canaan Twp., Wayne Co., OH in 1817, and died there on 4 Sept. 1856 age 73 years, 5 mo., 24 days. IN Beer's Wayne Co. history there is a biographical sketch of her son Samuel Frnk, which mentions that his mother, Ester, was eleven years of age when he parents came to America. The Family Register which I have lists the children of John & Esther Frank as:

John Frank b. 1806 m. Catharine TRUMP  
Joseph Frank b. 1809 m. Susanna GINGERY (I have pictures of them),  
Henry Frank b. 1811 m. Catharine SHOEMAKER  
Samuel Frank b. 1817 m. Elizabeth Ann SCHULTZ  
Mary Anne FRANK b. 1819 m. Robert McCONAUGHY

John, Jr. & Joseph Frank and their families moved to Michigan in 1852 and 1856. John Frank, Jr. kept a day-by-day diary account of their lives from 1840 on, in ledger books. He entered the Civil War and died at the close of the war in the military barracks hospital in Detroit. Joseph owned land next to his brother, worked as a shoe-maker, and died in 1884. Members of the family still reside on this property. It seems that the man Mary Ann Frank married -- Robert McConaughy -- was a cousin of hers, although I'm not sure. The last I know where they were was in Nov. 30, 1874 when they conveyed land they owned here in Michigan but never lived on. They were listed as being in Penfield Twp., Lorain Co., OH and they sold to one A. F. McConaughy of Richland Co., OH, who also never moved up here. After going through a number of census records I managed to find in the 1860 Penfield Twp., Lorain Co. census:

Robert McCONAGHY	40	Farmer b.	OH
Mary "	40		PA
John "	13		OH
Maria "	11		"
Esther "	7		"
Samuel "	5		"
Stephen "	5		"
Samuel "	67		PA
Jennie "	60		" "

On the 1891 Thomson/McConaughy chart done by Nathaniel McConaughy appears the following regarding this family:

Robert McConaughy b. 30 Nov. 1820, son of Samuel McConaughy & Jane Fulton (I have some doubts that Fulton is correct, but the Jane is right) m. 22 June 1845 to Mary Ann Frank and they had:

Rev. Frank McConaughy b. 1847 Preaching N. Yakima, Wis. 1890  
(Note: This must be the John in the 1860 census.)  
Maria Jane McConaughy b. 1848, m. 1867 to Myron Gilbert (Grand Huron, MI)

Esther McConaughy b. 1852 m. Feb. 1872 to Edgar Jones (Lorraine, OH)  
 Samuel McConaughy b. 1855 (Musician)  
 Jenny McConaughy b. 1857, Scalded to death 1858, cookstove  
 Nell McConaughy b. 1860  
 William McConaughy b. 1864

Apparently Stephen died between 1860 and 1890. Nell & Will were born after the census was taken.

I found references to Mary Ann and Robert in the counties mentioned above (Wayne and Lorraine) and also in some other Ohio counties, like Richland.

I thought that Esther (the first one) would turn out to be a Gettysburger, too, but, so far, I have not been able to locate her in their records. Does her name 'ring any bells' for anyone else?

WE POINT WITH PRIDE!!!

## Former Resident To Head Illinois DAR

The stage is set for activities of the Illinois Daughters of the American Revolution for the next two years.

Principal role player will be Mrs. Donald D. Zimmerman of Harvel, installed as state regent in ceremonies April 19, at the 92nd Continental Congress held in Washington, D.C.

Supportive of Mrs. Zimmerman's recently assumed role are her husband who operates a grain and livestock farm in Christian County, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rosenberger of Woodlawn.

Mrs. Zimmerman, a member of Peter Meyer Chapter, Assumption, since 1964, first affiliated in 1962 with Joel Pace Chapter, Mt. Vernon.

Filling the offices of chap-



Mrs. D.D. Zimmerman

ter librarian, historian, and regent culminated in her election as Honorary Regent of her chapter. She has served her chapter, the state organization, the National Society, and her community in many diversified capacities. She has served as Illinois Vice Regent and chaplain and has chaired the Magazine Advertising, DAR School, Conservation and Program committees at the state level.

By appointment of three President's General, she has served as National Vice Chairman of Public Relations, Conservation and Magazine Advertising. She was a member of the "Committee of '81 for the Yorktown Observance.

In addition she has been an active supporter of the C.A.R. Her two sons, John William and Christopher, are members of the Illinois Prairie Society.

In her community she has been recognized for her service as President of St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary in Taylorville, as layman in the Morrisonville Methodist Church, and as a member of the Business and Professional Women, Taylorville Women's Club and AAUW.

A keen interest in genealogy has led to membership in many lineage societies, including Daughters of Colonial Wars, Daughters of American Colonists, New England Women, Dames of the Court of Honor, Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, Magna Carta Dames, Colonial Dames of America, First Families of Ohio, Colonial Physicians and Chirugens and sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

She is now Organizing Secretary General, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, having served Illinois Chapter as president, registrar, and treasurer. She is third vice president Illinois U.S. Daughters of 1812 and has been state membership chairman and held two chapter offices. She is also a member of several historical and genealogical societies, including American of Royal Descent, Order of Crown of Charlemagne, and Order of the Three Crusades.

During May and June, the new state regent participated in training sessions for chapter regents in seven areas, division directors and programs at seven division round tables.

Note: Martha attended Lindenwood College for Women at St. Charles, MO. She received a B. S. in Home Economics at the University of Illinois in 1958 and an M. S. in Home Ec at the Univ. of Illinois in 1960, after which she taught Home Ec at Taylorville High School, Taylorville, IL for 20 years.

## WE WERE THERE

Ligonier, PA

by Jim Moore, Decatur, IL

I have had a brief visit to Pennsylvania and would like to give a report. I did not get to stay as long as at first planned, but I did get some exposure in Pennsylvania and that only increased my determination to get back there once again.

I first made a quick visit to Mount Pleasant where the family of my grandmother, Laura McConaughy (Post) lived. Not the most impressive town. I was looking for tree-lined streets, the town square, etc. and it didn't measure up to my expectations - hardly a capital crime, I guess. In any event, I saw the McConaughy family home and the Reunion Presbyterian Church where Laura and George W. Post were married, 1 January 1879.. I also went to the cemetery where two of Laura's sibs are buried as well as Francis McC. and his wife Sophia Lobingier. I also talked with Ken Lobingier who has been very helpful to me in gathering McConaughy information.

After Mount Pleasant, I was not prepared for Ligonier. This is a really attractive town, as Betty (Matthews) knows better than I. I went to the library to see if they could direct my steps to the (John) McConaughy farm. They sent me to Martin's Shoe Store to talk to Mr. Martin who apparently is a local history bug. Showed him my map and he sent me in the wrong direction which turned out to be a lucky break. He sent me to the farm of Robert McConnaughey on the north side of town, a descendant of Betty's Robert (son of James). An extremely nice guy, and after putting his mind to it decided I was looking for the Thomas place south and east of Ligonier.

He was right! I found the place (directions on the enclosed drawing) and it was a real thrill.

Paul Thomas, 85, grandson of the man who originally bought the farm from the McConaughys, lives on the place and farms the remaining 80 acres left from the original farm. He says his grandfather paid \$15/acre for the place when he bought it about 1870. His address, for the record, is Box 153, Thomas Road, Rural Route, Ligonier, PA 25650.

This is the farm to which James McConaughy came in 1800 (Francis' Letter No. 33, the third paragraph from the last) -

".....when he came to the valley in 1800, he had five sons of ages varying from 12 to 21, and no doubt farmed largely and improved that beautiful tract of land very much, and built a new house with one of those triangle chimneys of immense size as was common in those days."

Paul Thomas remembers the old house and the chimney well. When the old house was torn down in 1921 to make way for the present house, the stone from the chimney was used in the foundation of the new house. "And there was a lot left over," according to Mr. Thomas.

In letter #37 Francis goes into a little more detail about the house. The Old Forbes road ran right by the house --



".....Father (this would be John) soon changed the road to run above the orchard and constructed our garden in front of the house on the old road-bed - and I think it is there yet."

It was, and it still is! Paul Thomas said the garden has never been moved and now there is a stone marker there attesting to the fact that this area was part of the Old Forbes Road.

John bought this farm in 1819 from his father, James. It is from this farm that the sons of John's generation went out on their own -- David to Ohio, Francis who died as a young man in Natchez,; James, Jr. who married Margaret Findley and Robert who married Anna Jamison (the Betty Matthews line) and, of course, John, who first farmed the Two Lick place in Indiana county.

Further -- Francis writes in a letter dated 15 Nov. 1893, but not numbered:

".....I often saw this patent (for the farm) in possession of my father who owned the farm before Mr. George Thomas -- the present owner. From my earliest remembrance, this farm had the appearance of being opened and settled on at a very early time.

"It is evident that the McConaughy homestead was occupied in very early times as the old large Tavern house with cellar underneath -- not a common thing in those days, was worn out and tumbling down when my grandfather came to it in 1800 -- and on which he built the large square-log house and large old fashioned three cornered chimney -- all of which remain there yet in pretty good repair. The reason I know this -- I often heard my father say he carried all the stone for the chimney -- and up a steep way, when only 19. This original house was not only worn out, but there were large apple trees in the orchard -- indicating that they were planted at a very early time.

I am enclosing a letter written 15 Aug. 1922 by E. L. McConaughy about his visit to the farm. I suspect the 'son or grandson' mentioned at the top of the second page is Paul Thomas. E. L. McC. was the son of John McCurdy McConaughy in turn the son of John. The Robert McConaughy of York (NB) mentioned in the letter was the son of James McConaughy (also a son of John Sr's) and a brother of Laura McConaughy.

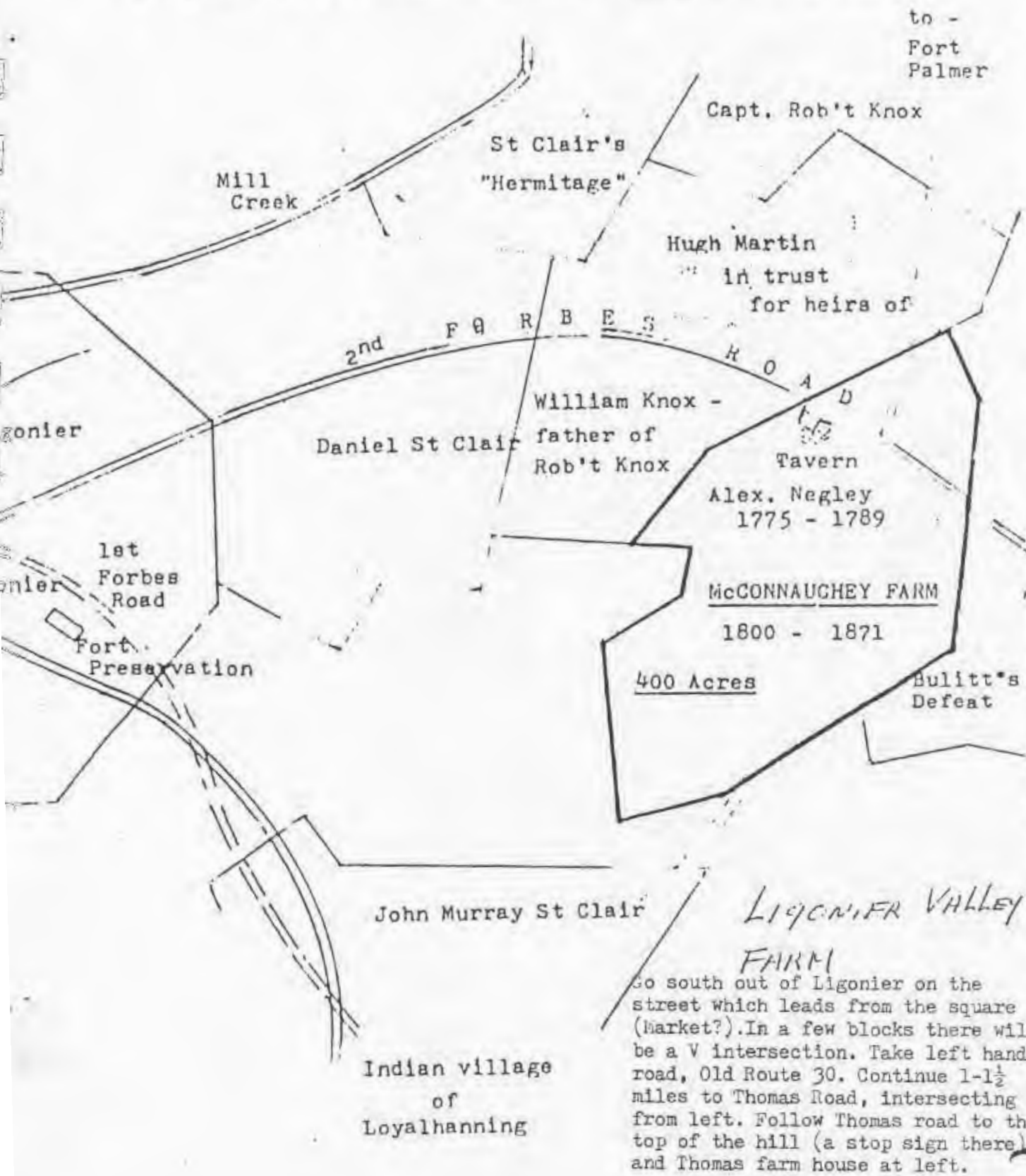
Mr. Thomas, incidentally, said he had a picture of the old place and would look it up for me. I will remind him of this as I would hope to have copies made.

The afternoon of my visit was warm and beautiful. The area where the farm is located is fairly high (as compared to Ligonier) and very rolling. I did not see any of the place other than the homestead, but I am told there are still fruit trees about -- part of the old place. Whether they date to Francis' time, I doubt but Mr. Thomas said they are, indeed, old.

Sometime in the future I want to get back to the area and walk over the place. The site has more than passing family interest to me as Francis seemed certain that it had been opened a long time before the McConaughys arrived and even before the Forbes Road was established. We should determine who sold the farm to James McC. -- that might give us some clues.



Mr. Thomas says that some place around the house he has the deed given his grandfather and written on sheepskin. Hope that turns up some time.



to -  
Fort  
Palmer

Capt. Rob't Knox

St Clair's  
"Hermitage"

Mill  
Creek

Hugh Martin  
in trust  
for heirs of

2nd FORBES ROAD

William Knox -  
father of  
Rob't Knox

Daniel St Clair

Tavern

Alex. Negley  
1775 - 1789

McCONNAUGHEY FARM  
1800 - 1871

400 Acres

Bullitt's  
Defeat

1st  
Forbes  
Road

Fort  
Preservation

John Murray St Clair

Indian village  
of  
Loyalhanning

LIGONIER VALLEY  
FARM

Go south out of Ligonier on the street which leads from the square (Market?). In a few blocks there will be a V intersection. Take left hand road, Old Route 30. Continue 1-1½ miles to Thomas Road, intersecting from left. Follow Thomas road to the top of the hill (a stop sign there) and Thomas farm house at left.

E. L. McConaughy  
ATTORNEY  
ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS  
August 15, 1922

Mr. J. E. McConaughy,  
Kearns Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

My dear Uncle:-

I received your welcome letter at Ligonier and thank you for the same and the enclosure. I can use it very handily and in fact did use some of it there by hiring a guide in the person of one Paul McConaughy, a son of one Clint McConaughy, maybe they spell it McConaughey. It seems that their grandfather Robert McConaughy was a brother of your grandfather McConaughy, (John). Paul took me first to the cemetery, which I found was a second or newer cemetery than the old cemetery at the church yard of the Pres. Church at Ligonier. There I, (at the new cemetery) ran onto your grandfather and grandmother's graves, which it seems my father had moved from the old cemetery where the graves were unmarked by a stone. The head stones now in place read as follows: John McConaughy, born February 22, 1783, died July 21, 1870, aged 87 years, 4 mos. and 29 days. Also Margaret McConaughy, wife of John McConaughy, died October 12, 1865 in the 78th year of her age. Also their youngest son, as follows: Dr. Robert McConaughy, died October 19, 1851, aged 27 years" There was more to this stone, but I could not decipher it, and I believe this was an original stone. This was the youngest son, your father's brother who died shortly after he was graduated from the medical college from a disease said to have been contracted from some of his patients while he was in a weakened condition due to over-work among his sick clientele.

I was looking, however, for the father or James McConaughy and also his father-in-law, James McCurdy, but couldn't find them, but in the old cemetery I found some Nesbitts, and Isabel McConaughy, d. Feb. 24, 1887, aged 68 or 88, I couldn't tell. Also the following: "Ann, wife of R. McConaughy, died Aug. 22, 1853, aged 61 years" and R. McConaughy died Sept. 25, 1860, aged 72 yrs. This man was your grandfathers' brother but his descendants spell their name McConaughey and by some queer quirk, he was a Methodist and so are his descendants.

My guide now told me how to drive to the old McConaughy farm, where your grandfather, John, his father, James, and his father, David all lived and where your father John was born, I believe. I was unfortunate to arrive too late to see the old 11 room log house as it was just torn down this spring and a new hollow cement tile house erected, but I was lucky enough to see the old man George Thomas, 89 years of age, who bot the farm of your grandfather in 1870 and he had a remarkable memory, in spite of his age, and poor eye sight and some deafness. When I was introduced to him by a woman who was evidently the wife of a son or a grandson, he said "Are you a son of Johnny McConaughy?" He said it in a high quavering voice that showed extreme age, and he was evidently asking me if I was of the same generation as my own grandfather, your father. His sight was evidently poor also, as he ought to have been able to see that I was too young a man to be the son of a man who died 52 years ago, aged 87. He talked quite a bit and the lady was also most kind and considerate to me and later a man who was either a son or a grandson came in from the field and was very solicitous to my interest in the place. The old man mentioned that he bought the place thru Uncle James from your grandfather in 1870. He said that Uncle Frank used to come up often and stay 2 or 3 days. Also that Uncle James said that

it didn't make any difference to Uncle Frank whether he had a dollar or not. He referred to your grandfather as "Old Johnny". Parts of the old log house were still around and I secured a piece of stone from the old fire place and from the wall. Also pieces of the old wooden fire place or log across the top of the hearth and part of an old log which I brought back with me in the car. The lady said that a son of Uncle James came back last year with a friend named Braddock from Mt. Pleasant, and was looking for the grave of your grandfather in the old cemetery and when he found the empty grave broke down and cried. He didn't know the remains were taken to the new cemetery by my father and marked. I suppose it was Bob McConaughy of York. He also climbed to the top of an old apple tree the old man said was one of the original apple trees and cut a piece suitable for a cane. I secured some leaves from the tree and pressed them as best I could and will try later to send you a souvenir of the place. Also to Uncle George. The old man said that "Johnny" had several sons and mentioned them by name and added and one was a preacher, but I didn't know him very well.

We got back shortly after the first of the month, and blast the luck, I missed Gladys again. Well, thanking you, I am, as ever

E. L. McConaughy

P. S. I went to the old Porter House in Pittsburg, but couldn't locate the family burial lot. I am writing to attorney J. S. Cort as his mother may know what cemetery the lot is in.

I am corresponding with a Mrs. Dunlap, grand daughter of Robert McConaughy, who promised to assist me in locating grave of James McConaughy, Rev. Soldier.

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Note: Jim (Moore) and I have wondered if there ever was a cane made from the old apple tree and if so, where is it? And what became of the pieces of wood and stone E. L. brought back? Francis, in the above article, is Dr. Francis or Frank McConaughy of Ligonier who wrote the "Old Time Recollections" in the newspaper in the late 1800's. We'll be looking forward to having a picture of the 'old' house nexttime!!

#### GREAT LAKES

Q. I've heard that the biggest man-made lake in the country is somewhere in Nebraska, my home state. If this is true, can you tell me where the lake is located: L.M.W., Long Feach.

A. "We can't claim the largest reservoir, and I'm not sure we'd want to," said Daniel Jones, director of the Nebraska Department of Water Resources. He said Lake McConaughy in western Nebraska is the largest man-made lake in the state, measuring 22 miles in length and holding two million acre feet of water. Created in the late 1930's as a federal WPA project, the lake supplies western Nebraska with irrigation, power, and recreation. Jones said the largest man-made lake in the Mississippi-Missouri River basins -- and one of the largest in the United States -- is Garrison Reservoir in North Dakota. The 200-mile-long lake covers about 400,000 acres and holds more than 25 million acre feet of water.

From an unidentified newspaper clipping.



TRAGIC ACCIDENT REPORTED, The State, Columbia, SC, 31 May 1974 --  
Note: John Bothwell McConaughy of the Ligonier line.

## Near Hartwell Dam

# USC Professor Drowns



JOHN B. McCONAUGHY  
Faculty Member For 28 Years

Professor John Bothwell McConaughy, 60, a member of the USC Political Science faculty for 28 years, drowned yesterday in a fishing accident near Hartwell Dam.

McConaughy and Dr. Guido Borasio, Professor of Psychology at the University, were fishing about a half mile down from Hartwell Dam when the flood gates were opened.

The two were caught on the rocks below the dam. Borasio was able to swim to shore.

A spokesman for the Anderson County Rescue Squad added that there is a warning horn which sounds when the gates are opened but he said the two men were too far down from the dam to hear it.

McConaughy's body was recovered by the rescue squad about 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Dr. McConaughy was born in Rochelle, Ill., on March 1, 1912,

the son of Mrs. Ina Bothwell McConaughy and the late Judge E. L. McConaughy, and was married to the former Mary Ann Gage Person of Port Gibson, Miss.

He earned the Associate in Arts degree from Lyons Junior College in La Grange, Ill., the Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Alabama, and the Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1943.

Dr. McConaughy taught at East Central Junior College in Decatur, Miss., and the University of Minnesota before coming to the University in 1944. He did additional post-graduate study at the University of London in 1947, and at the University of Paris in 1950 in his specialties of International Relations and International Law.

Popular with students for his (See PROFESSOR, 2-A, Col. 1)

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congenial, off-hand manner, Dr. McConaughy was highly regarded and extensively published in his profession, and he devoted a great deal of time to activities promoting world peace.

He was chairman of United Nations week in S.C. in 1971, and made a statement at that time that he believed the admission of the People Republic of China to the U.N. would benefit the United States. Previously he had observed that the Soviet Union's relationship with the U.N. had served ultimately to curtail their overt aggressive activities.

Four years earlier, Dr. McConaughy published, with Janet Blanks, "A Student's Guide to U.N. Documents and Their

Use," which was described by the U.N. Deputy director of Libraries as "an admirable contribution, very well scaled for its purpose." A director and vice-president of the American Freedom Association, he was a member of the United World Federalists and the United Nations Association of the U.S.A.

"A Review of Soviet Psychological Warfare," an article by Dr. McConaughy, was used by the U.S. Army Caribbean School in their training program. In December, 1971, he published a study of the 1968 S.C. elections which showed that winning candidates had "higher social status, more education and more humility" than their opponents.

The founding president of the S. C. Political Science Association

and editor of its Journal. Dr. McConaughy had been an associate editor of the "General Political Quarterly of Political Arts and Science." He was published in "Western Political Quarterly," "Military Review," "Revista de Estudios Politicos de Madrid," among others.

He was past president of the Unitarian Fellowship, advisor to the USC International Relations Club, and was chosen as the Governor's representative for refugees in S. C. in 1960. Active in politics, Dr. McConaughy was elected president of the Democratic Club in Richland County Ward 13, the largest ward in the state.

A member of the American Political Science Association, the American Society of International Law, the Southern Po-

litical Science Association, the AAUP and Pi Sigma Alpha honorary political sciences fraternity, Dr. McConaughy was listed in Who's Who in American Scholars and Who's Who in American Men of Science.

Services will be Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, Port Gibson, Miss., with interment in Wintergreen Cemetery. The family suggests that those who wish may make memorials to the USC Educational Foundation. There will be a memorial service in Columbia after the family returns.

Surviving are his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Walter Mitchell Baker of Columbia; his mother, Mrs. E.L. McConaughy of LaGrange, Ill.; and one brother, Col. James G. McConaughy of Columbus, Ga.



MACONAGHY-CHESTNUT FAMILY GATHERING  
CORE CREEK PARK, LANGHORNE, PA.  
AUGUST 13, 1983

After 25 years at noontime on Saturday, August 13th, our third family gathering was underway. There were 45 in attendance this year which is good compared to 46 in 1957. One of the reasons that we did not get more was the time of year, so we decided to change the date to June next year -- we are setting the date of June 23rd for our Fourth gathering. We contacted Core Creek Park to reserve a pavillion, and they said that they do not do it until after the 1st of January, and if we got the reservation in then we would have a pavillion.

The MacLarys donated the prizes for the oldest, youngest and the one that came the farthest. The prize for the oldest went to Sam Maconaghy who was 84, the youngest was Scott Davis at 1½ years and Elizabeth Keener came the farthest - from Rabun Gap, Ga.

The money collected amounted to \$136.50 which was divided as follows: \$25.00 for renting the pavillion, \$11.50 for the mailing and duplicating to get the gathering going, and the remainder went toward the meat and cheese and incidentals. When we planned the gathering the weather was very hot, so we decided on cold cuts -- the weather turned out to be rather cool that day, and it was decided to get hamburgs and hot dogs. The cost of the cold cuts and cheese was \$81.20 and the rest went toward the cook-out. We had loads of food and everyone enjoyed it.

It was suggested that the next time the recipes for the various dishes would be nice. There were some very delicious dishes and cakes that people would like to have the recipe. They could be included in the follow-up letter next year.

After lunch we had a picture taking session. We lined up every family by itself, and then we had a group picture, which we thought had everyone in it, as Gene set it up on a timer and got into the picture. We learned later that several went to the lake, so we are minus a few of the Davis family.

We also had our time for genealogy, which proved interesting. Sandy got things going by bringing out her information, and getting some information from others. Present were the descendants of Alexander and Moore Maconaghy, and Sandy had information on John and we are going to try to interest some of his descendants in our next gathering. We also hope to have more Chestnuts next year.

Thanks to everyone for the success of this year's gathering, and we look forward to next year. Any help or suggestions will be appreciated. For those interested, I am attaching a copy of the names and addresses of those present at the gathering. We hope that more will be able to attend next year!

Sincerely,

*Betty*  
Betty J. Kienzle - Alice Kienzle  
Barbara Albert - Margaret Fegely

## From The Farmer's Point-of-View

This farmer is from what we call the 'Iowa' line of McConaughy (Ivan Benedict's line). The first identified ancestor is John McConaughy b. 1795, Chester Co., PA who had, among others, Ard Duncan McConaughy b. 1837 who had (among others) J. Clinton McConaughy and my favorite of all times, Herbin Sidas McConaughy!! Clint's daughter, Tracy Geneva McConaughy m. Ray Miller & they had John Miller, the farmer of the following article:



Gazette photo by Al Swegle

John Miller and his wife, Claudia, take a break from corn harvest.

## Out on the Acres

# This farmer is a Coe backer

By Al Swegle  
Gazette farm editor

The Gazette interviewed John O. Miller, 44, who farms 360 acres three miles east of Martelle, where he raises 400 hogs a year in a farrow-to-finish operation and has 75 beef cattle. John and his wife, Claudia, have a son, Charlie, 19, a sophomore at Coe College, and a daughter, Christin, 11, a sixth-grader at Martelle. Miller is a trustee at the United Church of Christ in Anamosa, a former school director with the Anamosa schools, member of the board for Eastern Iowa Production Credit Association, past secretary of the Jones County Farm Bureau, past FS director and a former soil commissioner. He is a Republican.

I understand you and your wife attended Coe College.

Charlie is the third generation of our family to attend Coe College. My mother, Tracy Miller, attended Coe also. I majored in sociology and minored in psychology. Claudia was a physical education major with a minor in science.

How did you happen to go into farming?

I grew up on the farm, but it wasn't until I went into the service that I decided to farm as a career.

I see you're using a two-row, pull-type picker-sheller.

This is it for harvesting corn. I hire a neighbor to do the soybeans.

**How do you like your Harvestores?**

We have four. We don't have to dry any corn to fill the Harvestores. They're easy to fill, and they're money-saving these days. Dad put up the first Harvestore in 1962, and we put up our first one in 1966.

**Do you buy feeder cattle?**

I've been talking to some cattle buyers about backgrounding cattle. That's where you buy 400- to 450-pound calves and put three or four hundred pounds on them. That utilizes our roughage. And we can move 350 to 400 head of cattle through our lots that way.

**Does your wife help in the harvest operation?**

She's a big part of our harvest operation. She does all the spring tillage work, applies all the chemicals and hauls the grain to town or to the Harvestore.

**Is this corn going to town?**

Yes, this corn is too dry for feeding purposes. The corn is testing 19 percent moisture. We'll store the wetter corn in the Harvestore. About half of our corn will be sold this year and the rest will be fed through our livestock.

**What did you sell your corn for?**

We started selling our corn this year as early as last March. Some of it went over \$3 a bushel. The average sold for \$2.86.

**What kind of a harvest season has this been?**

It's been a perfect season for harvesting. There's no frost yet, but the crop seems to be drier for this time of year.

**You have the words "Thin Creek Farm" on your cap. Is that the name of your farm?**

I looked at an old plat book and found out that the name of the creek going through our farm was named Thin Creek. So that's what we picked as our farm name.

**What do you think of the railroad situation?**

It's a sad situation. We have some Milwaukee tracks that border our farm on the south. The last time we saw trains go through there was last spring, but the tracks were so bad that they could only go 2 miles per hour. Something has to be done to keep our railroads up.

**Do you mind having hunters on your farm?**

I don't mind as long as they stop and ask permission to hunt first, but we're rooting for the pheasants.

**Who do you favor for president?**

We haven't found a hero yet this year. I lean toward Reagan because of his farm policy. I was disappointed not to see Reagan at the Farm Progress Show. That goes to show how important he thinks the farm vote is.

**How do you compare Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland with former Secretary Earl Butz?**

I'm an old Butz man myself. I'm hoping that a Reagan administration will take on the Butz philosophy. I liked Butz's jokes.

**Who do you favor for Senate?**

I'm for Grassley and my wife is for Culver.

WE POINT WITH PRIDE!!!

## Official of First Federal instructs workshop at seminar

One of First Federal of the Florida Keys vice presidents recently returned from a one week seminar in Chicago, where he served as one of the instructors.

Philip Hogue, financial manager of First Federal of the Florida Keys, attended and instructed in the cost accounting, budgeting and forecasting workshop sponsored by the Institute of Financial Education.

The goals of the workshop were to develop the understanding of the fundamental theories and the techniques of budgeting and cost accounting information systems as they are used in the Savings and Loan Industry. The workshop also included the application of this information on planning decisions and control activities.

Financial managers from across the United States studied topics such as forecasting, budgeting simulations, responsibility center accounting, breakeven

analysis, cost behavior recognition, cost allocation, transfer pricing, product costing, standard costing, variance analysis, decision making and system application during the one week workshop.

"We are quite proud to have one of the members of our staff selected to serve as a group leader and instructor in this type of workshop," commented Robert A. Dion, president of First Federal of the Florida Keys.

Prior to joining First Federal of the Florida Keys as Vice President of Finance, Hogue served as the Assistant Vice President of special services for Florida Savings and Loan League Service, where he helped to develop the data processing system known as the Dollar System, and went on to install this system at Savings and Loans in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

This included training people in the application of the general ledger system and its budgeting reports, as well as

the use of the projection model. In addition, Hogue has taught EDP Auditing for the Institution of Internal Auditors and worked with auditors who will be auditing Associations utilizing the Dollar System.

(Note: Philip is the son of Joseph & Sarah Hogue, grandson of the late Felicia McConahey Hogue, nephew of Society member Robert Hogue.)

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## MARRIAGES, cont.

Joan PROPER & Lowell Scott SMITH were married in Loudensville, N. Y. on 21 Nov. 1981. Scott is the great grandson of Lucy Evelyn McConaughy and the gr-gr-grandson of Robert Anderson McConaughy of Ohio. They lived in Schenectady, NY.

## WINTERS - McCONAGHY

Pamela Alene McConaghy of Empire and Terry Lee Winters of Modesto were married in Modesto's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is the daughter of Gary and Naomi McConaghy of Empire and he is the son of Herman and Shirley Winters of Modesto. Attending the bride were Allison Peets, maid of honor, and Mrs. Rinda Evans, matron of honor. Roberta & Sharon McConaghy were bridesmaids. Mark Evans was best man, & ushers were Ron Allen, Gary McConaghy, Jr. & Jay Jamison. Rebecca McConaghy was flower girl and Rachel and Rebekah Croft were train bearers. The bride is a graduate of Linden High School & attended Modesto Junior College. A graduate of Downey High School, the bridegroom attended Modesto Junior College and is presently serving with the U. S. Navy in Hampton, VA., where the newlyweds will live until returning to Modesto in September. They honeymooned in Yosemite National Park.

The INTELLIGENCER, Wheeling,  
WV, 27 Jul 1983



Carolyn A. Yuhas

Brian J. McConnaughy

## Yuhas-McConnaughy

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Yuhas of 109 Fernwood Ave., Weirton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn A., to Brian J. McConnaughy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McConnaughy of 55440 National Road, Bridgeport. *CHLV*

Miss Yuhas is a 1979 graduate of Brooke High School and a 1983 graduate of West Liberty State College, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi National Sorority and is employed by Universal Systems, Wheeling.

McConnaughy is a 1974 graduate of St. John Central Catholic High School, Bellaire, and is employed by Romig Roofing Co., St. Clairsville.

They plan to be married Sept. 10.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN DAVID McCONAUGHEY  
Wendy Merrill Bush

## Bush-McConaughy

Wendy Merrill Bush and John David McConaughy were married Aug. 6 on the McConaughy Hilltop Meadow in Cameron with Todd Hunter officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Virginia Flanary of Santa Ana, Calif., and Forest Bush of Mission Viejo, Calif.

Members of the wedding party were: Donna Mainier, maid of honor; Steve Coey, best man; and Leigh Estel.

The bride received an associate of arts degree from Santa Ana College and expects to study psychology at West Liberty State College. The groom received a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Liberty State College and is associated with the McConaughy Guest Home in Cameron.

After a honeymoon at Blackwater Falls, they will reside in Cameron.

## BIRTHS

Brent Morgan b. 16 May 1980, grandson of Dorothy & James Tunis of Zanesville, OH.

Melinda Ann McConnaughey b. 8 March 1981, first child of Scott E. McConnaughey & Janyne Jenkins; granddaughter (first, I think?) of John A. McConnaughey.

Jared Hindel b. 21 Nov. 1981, grandson of James & Dorothy Tunis.

Nicole Anne Heinkel, daughter of Glenda McConnaughay & Dennis Heinkel, granddaughter of Mary & Glenn McConnaughay was born 10 Feb. 1982.

Adam Dean Chesley, son of KathyLundberg & Kevin Chesley, grandson of Norma McConnaughey & Elliott Lundberg was born 28 Mar 1982.

Christina Lynn McConahay, daughter of Kenneth C. & Patricia McConahay, granddaughter of Beatrice McConahay was born in Orlando, FL 25 Aug. 1982.

Gretchen Marie Frank, , daughter of Sue & Larry Frank, granddaughter of James O. and Margaret McConnaughay, b. 16 Sept. 1982.

Frederick Louis Johnston, son of Alexander McFarlane Johnston & Barbara Mueller, grandson of the late Mary McConahey Johnston, was born 26 Sept. 1982 in Pittsburg.

William Justin Holladay, son of John & Brenda Holladay, grandson of Roma Robinson and Harry Philip Holladay b. 2 Oct 1982 at Raleigh, NC.

Michael Adzima, son of Pat & Carroll & Jim Adzima, grandchild of Constance & Ray Carroll, 18th great-grandchild of Marjorie McConnaughey Reese.

Morgan Alan McConnaughey, 1st child of Richard & Judy McConnaughey, 1st great grandchild of Flona McConnaughey, b. 13 Feb. 1983 at Riverton, WY.

Lisa Christine Yanagida, daughter of Jane McConnaughay & John Yanagida, granddaughter of James O. & Margaret McConnaughay, b. 3 March 1983

Laura Ann Piercefield, 2nd daughter & 3rd child of Martha Ann Gregory & Richard A Piercefield, granddaughter of Patricia Ann McConnaughay & Warren R. Gregory, born 13 April, 1983, which just happens to be the birthday of Samuel Chalmers McConahey!

Benjamin McConaha Yorke, 3rd son of Wayne Yorke & Sharon McConaha, grandson of Jackie & George McConaha of Scottsdale, AZ, b. 4 May 1983.

Paula Ann Gregory, 2nd child, 1st daughter of Colette Brett & Warren Roy Gregory, 10th grandchild of Patricia Ann McConnaughay & Warren Russell Gregory, b. 25 Jul 1983 in Beech Grove, IN. At this point there are five granddaughters and five grand sons and six of them are under four years of age!

Kara Amber Molitor, daughter of Elizabeth McConnaughay & Lee Molitor, granddaughter of Mary & Glenn McConnaughay, born 11 Aug. 1983

## DEATHS

Kenneth Lindberg, husband of Janet McConahey, died 21 Nov. 1981 in Washington.

DEATHS, cont.

Ermond Lucille Wheelhouse McConahay, daughter of Ora L. Wheelhouse & Dora Ellen Tomlinson, mother of former McConaughy Society President, Randall McConahay, died 9 May 1982. She was born 30 Aug 1910 in Schuyler Co., Rushville, IL and married 19 May 1929 in Rushville. She was buried at the North Sugar Grove Cemetery in Rushville, IL. Survivors besides her husband and son Randall were another son Gordon Keith McConahay and four grandchildren.

Service Set For Church Missionary

THE INTELLIGENCER, Wheeling, WV, Friday, Sept. 10, 1982:

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church for Charlotte Young, 87, a widely recognized Presbyterian missionary. She died Monday at her residence in Quaker Hill, Mt. Pleasant.

She was born June 19, 1895 in Tyrone, PA, daughter of the later Dr. S. W. Young and Helen McConahey Young.\*

Mrs. Young was a missionary in Iran; a member of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church; PEO; AAUB; served as a member of the National Board of the YMCA and a member of the Board of managers of the American Bible Society.

When her husband retired in 1969 as president of Western College, she was given a citation acknowledging her devotion to Western College.

Mrs. Young was a graduate of Grove City College, and furthered her studies at the Biblical Seminary in New York City and the Hartford Seminary Foundation.

Surviving are her husband, Herrick B. Young, a daughter, Charlotte Joan Polowy of Jefferson City, MO; three sons, Herrick Jackson of Washington, DC, Roderick McCune of New York City and Malcolm Black of Arlington, VA; three brothers, the Rev. Wiley Young of Swarthmore, PA, the Rev. Carey Young of Santa Barbara, CA and Paul M. Young of Hanoverton, OH; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Mills of Cleveland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Bible Society New York City. Arrangements by the Wilson Funeral Home, Dillonvale, OH.

(\*Helen McConahey was Uncle Mac's sister, Nell, whom I met. She was not, however, Charlotte's mother, but her step-mother. Rev. Young's wife died, he married Nell and she did raise his family and they had great love and respect for her.

MICHAEL J. McCONAHA, died 17 Oct. 1982, Indpls., IN He was a conductor for Conrail 12 years. Born in Mattoon, IL, he lived here 12 years. Survivors include a daughter Lisa, son Shane, parents, Clyde & Della; grandmother Lula McConaha; sister Judy Eddy, and niece Joy Alane Eddy. Services at Conkle Speedway Funeral Home, 10 Weds. (Oct. 20) and graveside services at Janesville, IL Cemetery

George E. McCreight: Age 51, of 300 N. Milton Ave. (Springfield, IL), died at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday (23 Nov. 1982) at St. John's Hospital. He was born in Monmouth, the son of Albert L. and Bessie Salmon McCreight, and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He married Prudie Braddy in 1957. Mr. McCreight was director of pension research and lobbyist for the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1967 and by a brother, Eugene, in 1971. Mr. McCreight was a resident of Springfield for the past 30 years. He was a member and served on the board of trustees at Wesley United Methodist Church. He was a member of American Legion Post 121 in Aldeo, the Lanphier Soccer Booster Club and was an active supporter of the Statesmen's Drum and Bugle Corps. He was a past member of the Springfield Jaycees and was named outstanding state director for Illinois Jaycees in 1963 and outstanding Jaycee of Illinois in 1964. Surviving are his wife, Prudie; one daughter, Mrs. Douglas (LeAnn) Heflin of



DEATHS, cont.

Springfield; one son, Kevin at home; his father, Albert L. McCreight of Aleda; two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Martha) Hemphill of Altoona, Mrs. Edwin (Julia) Kistler of Aleda; three brothers, Everett C. McCreight of Springfield, David J. McCreight of Boulder, CO, and Charles R. McCreight of Lake Worth, FL; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Wesley United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Max Burley officiating. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Staab Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MATTOON WOMAN'S SON DIES

MONTICELLO -- Robert R. McConaha, 54, of rural Monticello died at 5:55 p.m. Thursday in Carle Hospital, Urbana. The funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Mackey Funeral Home, Monticell. Burial will be in Monticello Cemetery. He was born in Sadorus, a son of Byron and Maud Riley McConaha. He married Virginia Dillon in 1975. She survives. Also surviving are his mother of Mattoon; four brothers, John of Pueblo, CO; William of Tustin, CA; David of Anaheim, CA; and Earl of Champaign, and three daughters, Vera Postlewait of Atwood; Ruth Taylor of Ogden and Dorothy Polsky of Homewood. Mr. McConaha was a self-employed carpenter and a veteran of World War II.

(Note: A newspaper clipping was sent to me, with no source. From the town names, I believe it is IL, probably Nov. or Dec. 1982.. I did establish that he was from the same line as the Michael above.)

RAYMOND A. McCONAHA\*

TRAVERSE CITY, MI: Raymond A. McConaha, 74, the founder and owner of Union Office Supply, died Thursday evening at Munson Medical Center. He had founded the office supply company in 1938 and retired from the business in 1976. He was a lifelong resident of Traverse City and during World War II was active in the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron.

He was born in Traverse City on April 1, 1908 to Albert and Anola (Skiv-er) McConaha. On Sept. 17, 1932, in Elk apids, he married Adelia Estep, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Jack R. of Wyoming, MN; a daug9ter Mrs. Jean Payne of Traverse City, and five grandchildren. Two sisters, Fay Norris Brown and Veda Bunek, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Martinson-Covell Funeral Home, Traverse City with the Rev. Wirth G. Tennant officiating. Burial will be in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society..

(\*Charter Member of the McConnaughey Society.)

John Alexander McCONAGHIE of Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, North Ireland, died 5 Dec. 1982 at age 72. Among his survivors, a brother William Norman McConaghie.

Mrs. Edward O. McConahay: Mrs. Grace %. McConahay, 81, formerly of 2629 Ray, died Tuesday (Feb. 1983) at Windsor Estates Nursing Home where she had lived for nearly a year. She was born Oct. 9, 1901, in Elizabeth, NJ, and had moved to Salina 4½ years ago from Sebring, FL. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Gardiner, 2629 Ray, a son, William, Lake Placid, FL; 12 grandchildren & five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Edward O., died in 1952. A Memorial service will be held at noon



## DEATHS, cont.

Thursday at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, the Very Rev. Arthur Rathbun and the Venerable Ben Helmer officiating.

OPAL E. McCONNAUGHAY: Mrs. Opal E. McConnaughay, 81, of Elgin, formerly of Batavia, died Saturday evening (12 Feb. 1983) in St. Joseph Hospital, Elgin. She was born November 21, 1901 in Wayne County, IL. Survivors include three daughters Mrs. Wilbur (Eva) Peterson of Batavia, Mrs. Wilbur (Irene) Felkey of Godfrey, IL, and Mrs. John (Esther) Flodstrom of Big Rock, IL; four sons, Richard O. of Glendale, AZ; Arthur J. of Phoenix, AZ, Gene M. of Hickory Hills and Robert M. of Elgin; one brother Charles Richards of Keenes, IL; 20 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur D., in 1957 and one brother. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Yurs Peterson Funeral Home, Batavia. Lloyd McConnaughay will officiate. Burial will be in West Batavia Cemetery. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

W. Perry McConahey, the last of five sons of Wm. S. & Maude McConahey, passed away in Greenville, PA, 27 May 1983.

Mary Bailey McConahey of Sharon, PA, widow of Robert Arleigh McConahey died 16 July 1983.

"Missed" Marriage: Gregg Marshall Lindberg and Sharon Keech on 18 Sept. 1982 in Seattle, Washington. Gregg is the son of Janet McConahey and the late Kenneth Lindberg and grandson of Janet Neely McConahey.

## GANTZ -- McCONAHEY

Claysville, Nov. 2, 1904 -- A prettily appointed as well as elaborate home wedding was solemnized here this evening when Miss Etta C. McConahey became the wife of Robert Clinton Gantz. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother at 8 o'clock by the Rev. E. O. Sawhill, of Pittsburg, an uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Alexander MacLachlan, of Claysville. There were no attendants. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Chalmers McConahey of Pittsburg. The bride was beautifully gowned in white Paris batiste and carried a shower of bride's roses. The parlors of the McConahey home were beautifully decorated green and white. The fireplaces were banked with a profusion of chrysanthemums. The dining room was decorated with pink and white carnations being used. After the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served in the dining room. The couple left on an evening train for a wedding trip through the east. Mrs. Gantz is the daughter of Mrs. J. C. McConahey. The groom is a well-known young man of Claysville. Upon their return the couple will be at home to their friends on Wayne Street.

From Mifflin Count, PA Lewiston Sentinel, 4 Jan. 1926, Front page, column 4:

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Jacob Bearley McConahy, a former Lewistown resident, aged 68 years, died December 24, at his home in Camden, New Jersey, where he was a resident for a number of years. He leaves two daughters and one son also two brothers, James of Tyrone and William of Philadelphia. The burial was made December 28, at Philadelphia.

## McCONNAUGHY'S 'IRISH LION'

From 16 March 1983 Lafayette (IN) Journal & Courier:

### TAVERN PUTS ON IRISH AIRS

Bloomington (AP) --Larry McConnaughy says his pub is the most Irish in Indiana, but his authentic Irish bartender says it has a long way to go. It's not that McConnaughy hasn't tried. He's got Ireland's most popular beers on tap, an Irish menu and an Irish barkeep named Patrick Hand. His pub is the Irish Lion. Hand, however, says some American customs make it difficult for any American bar to be like an Irish pub. American bars don't have the business, atmosphere or appearance of the Irish establishments, says Hand. And while McConnaughy was expecting a big crowd this St. Patrick's Day, Hand says Irish pubs close early. "For most of the Irish, St. Patrick's Day is the same as any other day," Hand says. "It's nothing to compare with St. Patrick's Day in the United States."

On St. Patrick's Day, Irish bars don't have the green beer and huge crowds American bars do, adds Hand, 24. "We usually wear a shamrock and go home."

Ireland has more small neighborhood pubs with regular crowds, says Hand, who moved to Bloomington in September (1982) from Maynooth, about 25 miles from Dublin. As a result, Irish bars have a different atmosphere -- a place where one is almost guaranteed to meet someone he knows and where families can congregate. "The feeling of an Irish bar is much nicer at home," says Hand. "Though the Irish Lion is close, it's not like the country pubs I'm used to."

There also are differences in drinking habits. In America, says Hand, "The minute a bartender sees your glass is empty, he's at you again asking if you need another drink." In Ireland, most customers walk up to the bar to get their refills. And "come closing time, the bartender is so busy he's more sacred than the pope."

Irish pubs also are operated much less professionally than American bars. "They are run by families who have been there for years," he says. Because the pubs are much smaller and filled with regulars, "People fit like sardines in a can. But the bars never seem to grow -- they just put more people inside." The Irish are more likely to drink at bars than at home, while Americans seem to drink more at parties than at taverns, Hand says.

One American custom that surprised Hand was tipping bartenders. But he says when he realized bartenders rely on tips to add to their paychecks, he changed his attitude.

Do the Irish deserve a reputation as hard drinkers? "The Irish don't have a reputation for drinking as much as they have a reputation for what they do after they're drunk," says Hand. "The Irish go off their heads when they drink. They get sentimental or extremely excited." But tonight the Irish won't be drinking at the pubs quite the way they do most other nights, Hand says. "It's kind of a quiet day at home. It's not really a drinking day."

### WE POINT WITH PRIDE!!!

The Biomedical Communications Unit (BCU) in the veterinary college at WASHINGTON State University (WSU) provides a unique service. For example, "If a scientist needs to document the subtle effect of a new drug on blood capillaries, we are able to capture that subtlety with a high level of precision and accuracy." Most of their clients come from veterinary colleges, but they also supply charts, graphs, color slides, designs for brochures & logos, photography, illustrations and videotape productions.

Deidre McConathy is BCU's art director and biomedical illustrator. Her background and graduate training is almost equally divided between the media arts and science. The native Kentuckian holds a master's in biomedical illustration from the University of Texas Health Science Center and earned a B.A. degree in medical illustration at Tulane University. She has held a number of teaching, research and illustrating jobs, including positions in scientific illustration at The Hymans Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology in New Orleans; International Clinical Laboratories, Lexington, KY., and the Biomedical Institute, Galveston, TX. Her medical illustrations have been used on television and one of her photography titled "The Nervy Squid" was published in GEO magazine.

"Medical illustrators will do just about anything to achieve accuracy in their work," she said. One time she arranged pipecleaners inside the skull of a cadaver to help students visualize the way blood vessels drain. "Models can take many hours to construct, but they help to ensure accuracy in the final product," she emphasized.



**Biomedical Illustrator Deidre McConathy**

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Biography of  
**Donald R. "Don" Russell**  
National Commander of AMVETS  
1981-1982



Donald R. Russell of Springfield, Illinois assumed the office of National Commander of AMVETS on Tuesday, September 1, 1981.

He was unanimously elected to the top position in the national veterans organization on August 9th at AMVETS 37th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. He succeeds Ernest F. Pitochelli of Johnstown, Rhode Island, and will serve a one year term in office.

After joining AMVETS in 1949, National Commander Russell served the organization in nearly every elective or appointive capacity. A life member of AMVETS Post #4, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, he was Post Commander in 1963, and later moved through the AMVETS chairs at state level holding the offices of Department Commander, National Executive Committeeman and President of the AMVETS State Service Foundation. In 1974, he was elected Commander of AMVETS National District IV, the largest single membership region in AMVETS.

National Commander Russell is one of the few individuals in the 37 year history of the organization to move progressively through the highest national offices. He was elected National Finance Officer in 1977 and again in 1978, National Vice Commander for Membership in 1979 and National Vice Commander for Programs in 1980.

He is well prepared professionally to direct AMVETS activities during his tour of duty. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a Corporal in 1946, he worked in the Washington area for a year, and then attended Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, where he studied under the G.I. Bill. He graduated in 1949 with a degree in Business Administration. He later attended Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois receiving a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1972.

For the last 30 years National Commander Russell has been a career employee of the State of Illinois. He is a professional accountant with the State's Department of Public Aid and prior to assuming his AMVETS duties, he was Assistant to the Deputy Director of Audits for the Department. He is presently on a one year leave of absence to fulfill his responsibilities as National Commander.

National Commander Russell, 58, is married to the former Mary Russell Hayes of Ina, Illinois and has four married daughters, one stepson and 17 grandchildren.

AMVETS . . . . the American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Viet Nam, is one of the Nations four major veterans' service organizations.

(Note: Don has been an active member of the Society for several years and attended one of the Gatherings, prior to his election as Commander.. He is from the Illinois 'hh' line of McConaughays.)



U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, FEB./MAR, 1981

# Close-Up of 7 Key Aides

Their names and faces are known to few Americans, but professional employees of House and Senate committees have an impact on government policy that is felt by millions of citizens from coast to coast. For a close-up view of seven staff chiefs serving behind the scenes on Capitol Hill—

**BRIEFS:** Mark McConaghy, who resigned recently as staff chief of Congress's Joint Tax Committee, joined Price Waterhouse as co-director of federal tax services.

Wall Street Journal  
12 Feb. 1983.



## Mark L. McConaghy

As new staff chief for the Joint Committee on Taxation, lawyer McConaghy holds one of the most sensitive jobs on Capitol Hill—helping members with decisions that can profoundly affect the economy. McConaghy, 40, learned tax law on the firing line, spending four years with the Internal Revenue Service before going to the joint committee 10 years ago. In his committee post, McConaghy must be diplomat as well as tax whiz. With a staff of 65 lawyers, accountants and others, he serves as professional tax adviser to Congress generally and provides technical assistance to other committees when they deal with tax matters.

### WE POINT WITH PRIDE --

Indianapolis, IN NEWS, July, 1983: MARY JANE McCONAHAY will be installed as president of the Indianapolis Toast mistress Club Aug. 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St.

(Note: Mary Jane is the wife of Joseph McConahay of the White Co., IN 'hh' line and both of them have attended several of the Gatherings and are members of the Society).

### WE POINT WITH PRIDE --

The Easterner, 3 March 1983, probably from Eastern, Washington:

**MUSICIAN'S EFFORTS HAVE PAID OFF WELL:** by Kathryn Nendick -- "A star is born every day around the world, yet Eastern has its very own star and a hopeful in the music business to come. Robin Moore is but one of the many musicians who has dedicated her studies to the field of Music here at Eastern. Moore is a sophomore and a music major leaning toward the field of Music Education and a possible minor in Special Education. She started her career 11 years ago on the piano. From there she has achieved to play 8 other instruments including the clarinet, the contra bassoon, the bassoon, the soprano saxophone alto, the saxophone, the tenor saxophone, the flute, and the guitar. Moore said, 'I feel I have progressed the most in my life here at Eastern by taking private lessons from William Hochkeppel & Dr. Wendel Jones.' Moore dedicates most of her college life to music and she is a member of the Symphonic Band, the Symphonic Wind ensemble, the Jazz Ensemble, and the EWU Saxophone Quartet.

"Many of our musicians at EWU are involved with the Spokane Symphony. These are scholar students who receive full tuition from the symphony as well as perform with them. Moore is not a symphony scholar student but she has played with the symphony as a freshman and a sophomore. She was asked to play with the symphony by her bassoon instructor, Dr. Wendel Jones, as an import for members who couldn't make the concert. Moore has made many tours with her various groups as well as playing in the Capitol at Olympia. She made this tour with Dennis Layendecker, orchestra conductor, and the University Symphony.

"Next month she will appear with the Saxophone Quartet directed by Hochkeppel in Seattle for the Music Educators Northwest Conference. Moore's abilities are strong ones and definitely apparent. She said, 'when I was a kid my mom always yelled at me to practice and I used to get really mad at her. But now I'm glad she did because it sure paid off.'

(Note: Robin is the daughter of Dr. Emmett B. Moore of Richland, WA, granddaughter of Iris Brown & Emmett Moore, Sr. of Olympia, WA, descendant of Thompson McConnaughey of the William McConnaughey & Ellen Berry line..)

#### WE POINT WITH PRIDE!!

"Cameron A. Crawford, son of Douglas D. & Jeannie Crawford of Forest Grove (OR), has been promoted in the U. S. Army to the rank of Captain. Captain Crawford is the commander of the 554th Military Police Company in Stuttgart, West Germany." (Note: Cam is a descendant of Frank McConnahay of the William McConnaughey/Ellen Berry line.) 0

A "GOLDEN" OLDIE!!

Late in 1982 Joan Katen, Chadron, NB sent the clipping about young Alice. From an article on the back, re: U. S. Navy, I estimate the date of the picture to be ca 1915-6. Alice should be the daughter of Robert Campbell McCONAUGHY of OHIO. She became a physician, never married, moved to CA, where, last I heard, she was living in retirement.

**THIS CLEVER LITTLE GIRL CAN  
OPERATE WIRELESS ON BIG SHIP**



**This clever little girl is only 13 years old!**

**Her name is Alice McConaughy.**

**What do you suppose she is and what do you suppose she has in her possession.**

**Why, she is a wireless operator!**

**She has just received the first license to operate a wireless on the great lakes, under the new federal laws.**

**She made her own wireless apparatus and learned it by herself, too.**

**When the terrible floods were carrying away homes and cattle and killing many people in Ohio, this brave, smart, young girl sat before her wireless in the kitchen of her home receiving messages from the flood-bound people.**

**Now, Miss Alice has the right to take a position on a real ship on the great lakes!**

**You know wireless operators on ships have to be very, very brave because they are the ones who call for help to other ships in case of accident.**

**They are the ones who usually stay right at their post to the last.**

**Alice McConaughy is the daughter of R. C. McConaughy, national bank examiner of Cincinnati.**

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The first letter is from James Batson McConnaha born ca 1810 in Virginia, son of Samuel McConaha & Nancy Batson. He's now a grocery keeper in IL, accompanied by brother Samuel (who died unmarried in IL), William (who didn't make it to CA), and Burr, who led wagon trains West and sister Sophronia, who went west with James. The letter was written to Thomas, the 'one who stayed home' on the family farm. He had already 'settled' with his brothers and sisters for their portion of the family farm. Unfortunately, no record of any reply has turned up.

"Keithsburg, Ills June the 28th 1849

"Dear brother having an opportunity of sending you a few lines by Wm. Moss (Mapes?) I conclude you have not gotten the letters I sent by mail. I wrote in April and have not received an answer yet. We are all in good health at present and hope you all enjoy the inestimable blessing. We are near the cholera but none in our town yet though we anticipate a visit of it soon though we still hope it may pass lightly over our little town.

"Times are hard here and money scarce. I am in a close place at this time for about fifty dollars and would be glad you would see Michael Wilson about same. He is collecting for me and if it is collected, forward it to me immediately. I have a judgment against Christopher Downs on Swaffords old Docket. I wish you to see to and have it collected if possible and sent to me. If this money is not collected you will confer a favor upon me if you will send me fifty dollars which I can be able to replace about Christmas if you desire.

"I am in great need or I would not ask you although I have more than double due me than I owe but our \_\_\_\_\_ are slow. I wish you to inform me whether I had best send some more collecting to Wm. Wilson or employ some other person. I have forty or fifty dollars due me which I wish to make out of land on Pipe Creek and would like to have it made but Wilson seems so slow that I don't know that I am doing right to employ him anymore. Burrs, Williams, and Sopenas health are all good. Nothing more but remains yours affectionately,

"James B. M. Connaha

"P. S. I had like to forgotten to inform you that I have one of the finest presents for you in the world if you come after it. It is one of the finest kind of boys large and healthy and as dutiful a boy as you can find in a days travel. If you come this fall he has a colt that will be able to carry him by that time. Write immediately on the receipt of this and inform us of how Wm. Moss stands the trip."

Note: Tom McConaha, Virginia McConnaha Kranz, and my self have done everything but stand on our heads trying to figure out the meaning of the 'boy' in the P. S. portion of the letter! It's pre-Civil War and could be a slave, but wasn't Illinois a 'free' state? Any ideas????

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Forty-four years later another McConahay 'going West' writes to her father from Isadora, MO. These are White Co., IN McConnaughhays.

"W. A. Mc, May 1, 1893

"Isadora, MO



"Dear Pa --

"I thot I would write you a few lines to let you no that we are all well and hope when these few lines reaches you they will find you the same. We are having bad weather. It has bin raining for a weak nearly all the time. Wel Pa Nal was up to Uncle Freds yestarday and Uncle Fred told him that he had wrote to you and said that he would take 5 hunderd for that 20 that the house is on and you told him you would give him that. Pa i tell you if you do you will loose every thing you have got and then not pay for it for you know hat you hant got anybody to keep house for you but Clara and she is young and dont think about taking care of things lik any body would that had some intrest in them and besides you would haft to by evrything to go to housekeeping and wouldn't have any hae or corn and then you would haft to buy and if you think you must by a place of your own you had better stay back thare till you get money enough to pay for it rite down for i know you cant get no 30 dollars a month back here and you know you can make more working by the month than you can working on a farm and Clara and the baby have got some place to stay that i know they are taking care of for grandma i know will take care of them good. Read this over carefully and hink what i have said to you. i believe if you do you will say i am right about wanting you to stay back thare and not taking that place. Now Pa i don't want you to get mad at me for writing what i have for i wrote it for your benefit if you do get mad at me i won't get mad at you any way. Now Pa if you do come back and buy that place after i have told you what I have i don't want you to say anything to i or Nal if you and fred don't get along together for it isent your falt for i have done all i could ] to get you to stay and if you don't stay you will haft to get along the best you can. Now pa i want you to write as soon as get this letter and get that what you are a going to do. Write and tell me what you think of what i have said. Write soon from your Daughter,

Stella Wake"

Good By."

(Note: No envelope with this letter which was written to Willaim Albert McConahay. Billy McConahay of Thurman, Iowa has the original.

Stella M. McConahay Wake died February the 12th, 1895. She is buried in Isadora,

- MO. She married R. D. Wake and they had three children:
1. Cyrus Wake
  2. Jack Wake
  3. Cecil Wake (Died in infancy.)

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"Ruskey,  
Convoy,  
Co. Donegal  
Irish F. State  
Jan. 1, 1930

"Dear Sir

In answer to your notice in the 'Northern Whiz' reqiring information in connection with several family's of M.Conaghey, who migrated from Ireland at various states or desiring correspondence with interested members of the family name in Ulster. As I come within the specifications I wish to say there has been four o= more generations of my people here before me. I believe some of them went to America at various time. Thename of M'Conaghy is very scarce in Donegal at the present time. As far as I know in this part of the country there is none but us. There is a strong possibility that I may be related to the MConeghys who left Donegal in 1774. Unfortunately your notice is rathe vague. I would require some more detailed information if this is forthcoming. I may be able to do something for you, namely by tracing back my family history, that is if there is any object in doing so.

Hoping to hear from you in the near future,

Yours Truly

James M'Conaghy

Ruskey

Convoy

Co. Donegal

Irish Free State

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"Address until April 1st, '38

#1041 Fifth Street, North

St. Petersburg, Florida

February 10th, 1938

Mr. John M'Conaghy

Ruskey, Convoy, Co. Donegal

My dear Mr. M'Conaghy:

I was much pleased to get your letter of 1 January, 1938, and all the more because I realized that it might be thought that there might be some ulterior motive in such an unusual advertisement as that to which you took the trouble to respond. I may explain, that Mr. Samuel Chalmers M'Conahey, of 2200 Penn Avenue, Wilkensburg (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania) has taken a special interest in tracing the particulars as to his forebears, along with myself, for some years past. When I went over to attend the ecumenical Church Conferences, held in July-August last in Oxford & Edinburgh, he urged me to visit the North of Ireland, with a view to possibly getting a clue to the section from which our ancestors had emigrated to this country, early in the 18th century; and he generously offered to join in meeting the expense involved in doing so. In the summer of 1936 I had spoken in the General Assembly, at Felfast, and had then made the acquaintance of Dr. David Maconachie, then Minister of the Holyrood Presbyterian Church. Altho I could not accept his cordial invitation to visit him in his home, I had a delightful interview with Dr. Maconachie, and have since continued our friendship, both by correspondence and by a visit to his home, in September, 1937; at the latter time, I spent a day in County Antrim, looking up members of our family -- including Mr. John David M'Conaghy, Master of the school at Croach, with whom I have since kept in communication, and have learned much. This has enco<sup>2</sup>raged me to press our investigation further, in hope of getting further material, which might in time be preserved in form available for those who will be coming after us.

"The burning of the records in Balamoney (as well as in the Hall of Records at Dublin) has made it difficult to make anything like a complete Family Tree; but we hoped that we might ascertain at least where our own branch of the family had resided, what their occupations, circumstances, relation to Church and State, character or reputation -- anything indeed that might contribute to the history of the family, which we have reason to believe was one of the oldest, if not the oldest family in Scotland. While some of them came to Ireland from the Isle of Bute (many of their forefathers being buried in the old cemetery near Rothsay), they had probably come down from the hills of Argyle at an earlier date.

"Now, if you are interested to gather any data which might add to our information, we will be exceedingly grateful. Such a service would be quite disinterested, of course, on your part, as on ours, but it might serve a useful purpose for the sake of those who come after us.

"Thanking you for your interest, both in writing and in whatever further you may be able to do in cooperation with us, I remain,

Sincerely your fellow kinsman,  
David M'Conaughy"

The next letter is from Mollie R. Stockton of the Gettysburg line to Either Dr. David McConaughy or to his sister, Mary.

"M. R. Stockton  
951 Virginia Ave.  
Lancaster, PA  
June 11, 34

"Dear Cousin,

Thank you sincerely for your kind words of sympathy. We are trying to re-adjust the daily life with it's usual problems, and follow the regular routine again.

I had a pleasnt few days with my brother John, Rosa coming on to see her youngest married. Rev. Charles is Assistant to Rev. Franklin Fry (Lush?) Akron, Ohio. His older brother Rev. Wm. Henry Paster GraceLush(? Maybe this is denomination -- Presb or Luth???) Roxborough Phila. Rosa is Parish Teacher & Office Secy to Rev. Fedders, Lake Park Lush, Milwaukee, Wis., Address 2715 N. Frederick Ave. There several days with Adelaide or Allentown 1113 Hamilton St., Muhlenberg College Commencment -- a grandson of Uncle Muhlenberg, Richard John Bemutate, graduated with magna cum laude, the three highest being declared equal honors this year. It was a great pleasure to hear and afterwards greet your nephew, Dr. James McConaughy who was the guest of honor, addressing the graduating class. He made hosts of friends who declared it 'the best address in years' so the former Dea Ettinger told me. Dr. James is every bit worthy of his father and uncles. I was delighted to meet him and Adelaide sorry he could not lunch or dine with us as he was compelled to leave at once. He made a great 'hit' with the students, was warmly applauded when given the hood for Dr. of Humane Laws -- I hope his life will be spared many years to influence many young men. I have copied to the best of ability and memory th. family data you wished, taking for granted niether McClean brothers you had the data of. Wm. ARch has the old McClean Bible -- his father the oldest. Aunt Margaret, my mother, & Uncle Robert, Aunt Lillie, same place between Colins and I think possibly an infant child died.

"Mary McClean Stock is with Uleta Hand (daughter) in Phila, 1117 So 60th St., Mrs. Forrest Hand. McClean Stock is a lawyer well known in York, PA. 'Bob' McClean is in New York, 11 W. 42 St. -- Phone Longacre Business address 5-4500.

Where is the old McConaughy Bible Aunt Lillie had it when I copied data in 1892. In it I found David, who lived to be 99, was the 1st Sheriff of Lanc. Co., later Treas. and other offices in York Co. --

I belong to the DA. A. R. and also Daughters American Colonists, latter same standing and period colonial Dames.

We are hunting ol Bible Records, who owned, present owner, date etc. of where published. I had copies of Agnew, Scte (?), the Cunningham & others Gettysburg. When the blue print of McC. family is cmplete please mail me a copy and bill for same. We go to Mt. Gretna in July. Any mail is sent on and please drop in when ever you pass our way. With affectionate greetings to all,

"Cousin Mollie R. Stockton"

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Imagine my joy and surprise over 20 years ago to 'find' a real, live 1st half (or is it half 1st?) cousin of my own grandfather McConaughay, who died in 1933!



"1309 Third St.  
Winatchee, WASH  
April 25, 1962

"Mrs. Warren R. Gregory

Dear Madam,--

Received your letter a few days ago and i am Sorry i cannot give you my Grandfather Mcs first Wifes name. I will tell you the names of those i know and you may get some information from them.

"Grandpa had at least two boys by first wife Uncle Jeff and Uncle Isaac, he had 8 children by second wife 4 girls 4 boys Carrie, Annie, Sadie, Belle, Dave John, Bill and Jim. I will take them one at a time.

"Aunt Carrie became 'Carrie Meggs' and lived at Higginsville, MO that's all I know.

"Aunt Annie, married twice first to Mr. Black had a at least one boy 'Charlie Black' Second time to 'Ed Fannon' had two girls Maud & Edith, moved to Oklahoma City.

Aunt Belle i never knew. Violent death befour my time.

Aunt Sadie I knew well married 'Bill Loveall' had three children Allice, Frank, and Nellie. Allice droped out of sight, Frank married Viola Phelps had 4 children Jack in Walla Walla, WN, Edith now Mrs. Dick Lytell at 1218 Wabash Ave., Spokane, Wash, Nellie married Owen Brown and has one daughter Mrs. Emmette Moore at 307 Colorado St. Pullman, Wash.

"So much for the 4 daughters of Tompson McConnaughay. The girls were all good women, the very best witch was more than could be said for the 4 boys.

Uncle Dave i never knew. Met violent death in Holden, MO in the 1880's.

Uncle John a bachelor a cripple and much loved by my brother and I.

"Uncle Jim married Lillian Peek had 4 children Frank, Bessie, Jettie, and Jimmie. Frank at 850 West Mission Space 50 Bessie at 1211 So. Harbor Blvd. Anaheim Calif., Jettie & Jim Warrensburg, MO.

"William Bothman McConnaughay, my father, married to Katherine Belle Peek in Wes. Plains MO about 1889 had 3 boys Walter born 1890 died 1952 buried in Kalispell Mont. Hugh died as a baby in 1892 and Don born Sept. 7 1893.

"I could give side lights on these names listed. I sugest you contact Mrs. Flemon Robbins or Bessie or Mrs. Emmett Moore at Pullman, Wash. Mr. Moore is Prof. of Eng. at Wash. State College. I am sending you a few snaps, some explanation on back.

"Grandpa came to Houts Chapel dist. in about 1868 and built this house in which I was born, my Dad was 3 years old. A corner of the place was cut off by the Fort Scott Road and was donated by Grandpa to build the Glendale School, the school is just across a pasture and only a few hundred yards to the church, the house is now owned by a Mr. Riddle. Grandpa & Grandma, David, Belle, Bill, my brother Hugh are among those buried at Pisgah.

"Uncle Jeff I remember as a very small boy was a barber and taxidermist. I was always frightened by his lifelike animals. He went to Chicago or vicinity when I was very young. Uncle Ike stayed in Warrensburg. Ran a small transfer wagon, I think his wife was an invalid or ill most of her life.

"As far as i know, the name will die with me and my two double cousins. I, of course would like to hear from you again.

Yours  
D. H. McConnaughay, "

(Note: From Thompson's large family (total of 6 boys and 6 girls) as of now 1983 there are one or two young sons of John McConnaughay, my second cousin in California, who bear the name McConnaughay and the hope to continue this line! However, there are many dedicated women descendants and their sons and grandsons who carry on the family traditions and pride in the name.)



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