HISTORY OF THE MCCRAY FAMILY

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With Gratitude to all those who have made this history possible, I present it to you and your children. I am especially grateful for the inspirations and help given to me by the late Martha McCray Stubbs.

I have used the Numerals, such as I, II, III, to designate the individuals of the same name, for your convenience; also to indicate the generation in which an individual belongs, as Generation I or Generation II. I began with Generation I, and class that as the oldest generation—thus the larger the numeral, the younger the generation.

This material has been gathered over a period of fifteen years, but can always be added to—so I am leaving a space for you to add your own immediate family history. In a period of six generations you as an individual will have 126 Ancestors—can you trace all of Them?

MC C R A Y

The spelling of the name varies with the nationality. The Scottish Clan, McCrea or Macrea, stems from the word meaning “Son of Grace.” The Gaelic spelling is MacRath and in Ireland it is Magrath.

The home of the Highland Clan, known as “The Wild MacReas”, was Kintail in Ross-Shire, and they migrated from Lovat County in the middle of the fourteenth century. The Reverend Farquhar McCrea 1580-1662, was a Vicar of Kintail for forty-four years. One son, the Reverend John of Dingwall, 1614-1673, was a great Argurer. Major Robert McCrea of Guernsey, 1754-1835, fought as a Loyalist in the American Revolutionary War. However the McCray family, as we spell it, and as far as this history is concerned, was true to the American cause. Our early ancestors were Revolutionary Soldiers and helped win the Independence of the American Colonies. All used the spelling—McCray.
CHAPTER ONE

Samuel McCray I (Generation I)

So tradition goes “Samuel McCray I immigrated from Scotland with at least four sons—Samuel McCray II, John McCray, William McCray who drowned, James McCray who sickened and died.”

Samuel McCray II (Generation II)

It is quite certain that Samuel McCray II was born in Scotland, and you and I are of Scottish descent. Tradition has so strongly impressed this fact in the memory of our early ancestors, that no one can doubt its authenticity.

In 1766, Samuel McCray II owned 300 acres of land in Pennsylvania, in the County of Cumberland. In 1767 Samuel McCray of Frederick County, Virginia, was a witness to a Quaker wedding at Opecon between Robert Haines and Esther Wright. This fact would indicate that Samuel McCray was a Quaker and as he later became a Soldier, he undoubtedly was cast from the Quaker Society. This would account for the few years that are missing in his life history, as he would have been an outcast and disgraced among his Quaker friends. So he would very probably have found a home in the wilderness away from his friends. The Quakers of that period who were ‘churched’ for taking up arms, later became “broad-minded Baptists”. And we find that Samuel McCray and his family were Baptists in the early years following the Revolutionary War.

Samuel McCray II lived in Springhill Township, Bedford County, in the State of Pennsylvania in 1773 and was listed as a married man, taxed 2.6 shillings. In 1781 he was listed as a married man living in Morgan Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and owned 100 acres of land, 2 horses, 2 cows and 1 sheep, and was taxed 55 shillings.

Samuel McCray II entered the War of Independence while living in the County of Washington. He became a Private 8th Class of the 1st Battalion, Washington County, Pennsylvania, Class Role A, of Captain Andrew Fereley’s Company. His son Phineas was a Private 6th Class of this same Company. The Pennsylvania Militia of 1790-1800, lists this Samuel McCray as being between the ages of 18-45 years of age, and residing “within the bounds of 3rd Battalion, Cumberland County Militia.”

Little more is known of Samuel McCray II until March 1, 1791, when he and a part of his family are listed in the first Census of the U. S. (1790) of Bourbon County, Kentucky. In 1799 Samuel McCray and his wife, Rebecca Douglass Mc-
Cray, natives of Jefferson County, Virginia, settled at Bede's Station, Ohio, and later moved to Smalley's settlement on Todd's Fork. In the spring of 1801 they settled on the west side of the Little Miami River and later moved to Lebanon, Ohio. There he owned and operated a Mill (later owned by Zimri Stubbs) and also became Sheriff of Warren County, Ohio, and was Commissioner from 1801-1809.

During the time he was Commissioner he was given a contract to build a Court House in Lebanon, Ohio, for the sum of $1450.00. The building was completed and accepted March 1, 1806. Out of this $1450.00 Samuel saved enough to buy a lot just north of the Court House, and there he built the first Brick house in the city. The house was still standing in 1902.

In 1810 Samuel McCray and his son Phineas were listed as tax payers in Butler County, Ohio. Samuel died before 1818, as his daughter "Catherine" relinquished her claim in her father's estate, dated February 20, 1818."

The children of Samuel McCray II were:

Phineas McCray 1762-1839; Shaphet McCray 1760—1836; William McCray; Mary McCray Brannon; Samuel McCray III 1775-1862; Catherine McCray Heaton; Prisilla McCray Call; John McCray 1778-1847. James McCray is listed as one of his children by Mrs. Peck in the History of the Harlin Family; Margaret McCray-Cox.

**CHAPTER TWO**

**Phineas McCray (Generation III)**

The early McCray's of Indiana lived east of Connersville, Indiana. Their haunts were near the old Village Creek Baptist Church, which was founded July 24, 1824. The Charter Members were "Robert Gilky, Thomas Wolverton, William Denman, William Sparks, Phineas McCray, Stephen Harlan, James Woods, Sarah Gilky, Mary Denman, Mary Sparks, Mary Harlan, Sarah McCray and Hannah McCray." "The regular resident pastors of this church were Elders Minor Thompson, George Harlan, (ordained in 1830), William Sparks (ordained in 1845), Samuel Harlan, Walter Benson and Charles Reed, the present (1885) incumbent."

Phineas McCray (Phinehas, Fennehas, Fennes, Peness McCrea, McCray, McCroy, McCroy) oldest child of Samuel McCray II, was born October 21, 1762, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which in those days might have been a part of Frederick County, Virginia (the County in which Samuel was a witness to a Quaker Wedding in 1767). Biege Sketch states that Phineas was a son of Samuel McCray.
Phineas was taxed as a single man in 1781 with no land, 1 horse, 2 cows and 1 sheep, value 18 shillings. In 1784 he was taxed as a married man. As his first child was born, 2-17-1784, he was no doubt married in 1783. He married Sarah Jane Peters who was born 9-11-1761, and died 6-20-1851, at the age of 89 years, 9 months and 9 days. He died 4-29-1838, at the age of 75 years, 6 months and 8 days. Both he and his wife are buried in the Village Creek Cemetery, Fayette County, Indiana. Their monuments can still be seen standing in this old Church Burial Ground.

The children of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray were: Mary McCray Colliver 1784-1829; Samuel McCray (IV) 1786-1856; Jemima McCray Cassady 1788-1872; Sarah McCray Woods 1791-1838; Moses McCray 1794-1883; Aaron McCray 1797-1819; Rachael McCray Sparks 1799—--; John McCray 1805-1865.

Mary McCray Reeves of Greenfield, Indiana, a granddaughter of Phineas McCray, was 18 years old when her grandfather died, and she remembers him as “a very fine old man, quite queer, a little crusty and very much the master of his household.” While her grandmother, Sarah Jane “was a very lovely, quiet, meek and obeying old lady.” Aunt Polly and Aunt Peggy (Mary and Margaret McCray) often visited in the Moses McCray home and were well remembered as very lovely ladies.

In the Survey Book I on page 91, Washington County, Washington, Pennsylvania, is a picture of 300 acres of land surveyed to “Phineas McCray April 18, 1786, situated on the waters of Ten Mile Creek.” See Replica that follows. My husband I visited the haunts of this farm in 1941.

Phineas McCray and his wife, Sarah Jane, with at least 2 or 3 of their children came from their Ten Mile Creek home down the Ohio River and settled in Bourbon County, Kentucky. They were among the first white people to penetrate the wilderness of the “dark and bloody” ground. Several of their other children were born here. Phineas and Samuel McCray II were listed as tax payers in the 1790 census of March 1, 1791, Bourbon County, Kentucky.

By the year 1810, both Phineas and his father, Samuel, were living in Butler County, Ohio. In 1812, 1813, 1814, Phineas and his wife, Sarah, of Butler County sold a great deal of land. Some of the sales amounted to a great deal of money. One was listed as $400.00 and another as $1500.

In 1814, Phineas bought land in Fayette County, Indiana, and made his home there until his death in 1832. His wife later made her home with the youngest child, John McCray,
of College Corner. In John McCray's life history, it is stated that Phineas came to Post Town, Ohio, and then to Connersville, Indiana in 1812.

Phineas McCray and his wife Sarah were among the charter members of the Village Creek Baptist Church (July 24, 1824), Connersville Township, Fayette County, Indiana. Phineas McCray's Will is probated and recorded in the Court House, Connersville, Indiana.

Phineas McCray was a Revolutionary Soldier serving from Washington County, Pennsylvania 1st Battalion A Class, October 15, 1781, Role of Capt. Andrew Ferley's Company; listed as a private 6th Class. He also served in April 22, 1782, in the same Company.


Here is the exact Replica of land owned by Phineas McCray (300 acres) known as the "Ten Mile Creek Farm."
CHAPTER THREE

Children of Phineas and Sarah Jane McCray
and the descendants

I. Mary McCray—

First child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray was born on her father’s Ten Mile Creek farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania, on the 2-17-1784, and died in Putnam County, Indiana, in 1829, age 45 years. She married at the age of 15, Richard Colliver II in 1799, of Montgomery County, Kentucky. They lived in Kentucky for a number of years and then moved to Franklin County, Indiana, and owned land there until 1812, when they moved to Putnam County, Indiana. They were the parents of 10 children—

1. Andrew Colliver.
3. Thomas Colliver.
5. Sarah Colliver born in 1809 in Montgomery County, Kentucky, and died in Putnam County in 1856. She married John Moler of Putnam County in 11-30 1805, and died in 11-3-1866. Their son, Joseph Moler, was born 6-2-1834, in Nicholas County, Kentucky. He later lived in Putnam County and came to the second McCray Reunion in 1894, with his Uncle Samuel McCray IV.
7. Preston (Presley) Colliver.
8. Samuel Colliver born in Kentucky and was a member of the State Legislature in 1864. Some of his children were Dr. Richard Colliver III of Putnam County, born 8-24-1848, Montgomery County, Kentucky. Preston Colliver of Greencastle, Indiana, William Colliver of Bainbridge, Indiana. Nancy Colliver, a daughter of William, was born 11-19-1867 in Clark County, Kentucky, and married Daniel T. Darnall (at one time Clerk of Putnam County, Indiana.)

Richard Colliver I came from Scotland soon after the Revolutionary War, settling in Virginia and later moving to Kentucky. He married Mary Hollingshead. They had 2 sons, Elijah and Richard Colliver the II, who married into the McCray family.

II. Samuel McCray IV—

Second child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray was born on his father’s old Ten Mile Creek farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania, on 7-5-1786, and died 3-29-1856. He is buried at the left of the entrance to Mt. Jackson Cemetery (Little Eagle Creek Church and Grave Yard). On January
10, 1810, he married Elizabeth Lucas of Butler County, Ohio. She was born 6-12-1788 and died 2-5-1863, and is buried beside her husband. They were the parents of 11 children—

1. Maria (Myriah) McCray born 10-11-1811, and died 9-23-1887, married Lambert Moffett on 12-13-1832 (another Bible gives 12-3-1834). He was a native of Grange County, Tennessee. They were the parents of several children. One was (1) James Moffett born 9-11-1839, the father of Limen Moffett, who in turn was the father of Byron Moffett, living in 1946 on a farm out of Muncie R. R. No. 4.

2. Sarah McCray born 3-2-1813 and died 8-26-1845, married Peter Royster on April 2, 1833. He was born 9-27-1806 and died 4-5-1891. They are both buried in Mt. Jackson Cemetery. Near by is the grave of Sarah Royster, who died in 8-28-1815, age 32 years, 5 months and 24 days. This is no doubt his mother. The children of Sarah McCray and Peter Royster were—

(1) Susan C. Royster died 12-1-1847, age five years, 7 months and is buried in Mt. Jackson Cemetery.
(2) Elizabeth Royster born August 21, 1834, and died October 21, 1859.
(3) Myriah Royster, who married a Ward for her first husband, and for her second husband married Jacob Barnhill, the father of John McCray's wife, Mary Emma Barnhill.
(4) Oliver Royster, who left no family.
(5) Samuel Royster.
(6) William Lucas Royster who married Henrietta Todd, was the father of 5 children, (a) Sarah (Sadie) Royster Hufford, (b) Martha Royster, wife of William Adams, (c) Cora Royster, deceased at age of 23 years, (d) Charles Royster, age 77 in 1951, owner of the present Royster Funeral Home in Indianapolis, Indiana, (e) Ruth Royster, wife of Harold E. Hartley.
(7) Roscoe Royster, the youngest of Sarah and Peter Royster's children.

(8 & 9) Charles and Nancy Royster Millspaugh were half brother and sister to the above children.


3. John McCray born 2-17-1815, died 10-21-1841 married Lavina Harding on 2-28-1839. One son was born 2-24-1842. Both parents are buried in Mt. Jackson Cemetery.

4. Jemima McCray born 4-13-1817, died 2-10-1883, married
on 12-22-1837 Labian Harding, died 12-19-1855, age 53 years, 1 month, brother of John McCray’s wife. Both are buried in Mt. Jackson. Near them are buried some of their children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Harding born 10-8-1844, died 5-1-1893.
2. Sarah Elmira born 6-6-1848, died 7-7-1893.
3. John Harding born 3-5-1841, died 11-6-1865.
5. Samuel E. Harding born 5-29-1842, died 11-6-1862.

Harding parents—Ede Harding born 3-16-1793, died 1-18-1875; Mary Harding born 12-25-1794, died 10-21-1858. Other Hardings—Lawson, 1826-1874 — Nancy, 1826-1908.

5. Elizabeth McCray born 2-8-1819, died 1-29-1909, married Miles Martindale 10-8-1838. Howard Martindale of Vero Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Carrie Van of 2426 Kenwood Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, are her grandchildren. Their mother died in 1951. (The history of the Martindale family is in the files of the Indiana State Library).

6. Aaron McCray born 10-28-1820, married Carolyn (Caroline) Y. Bridgeford on 4-2-1846. She was the daughter of William Bridgeford. Aaron McCray died on October, 1882, are 61 years, 11 months and 11 days. They were the parents of 12 children—

1. Mary McCray.
2. Lyde McCray, wife of James Jones. Their children were (a) Henriette, (b) Byron, (c) Helen, (d) Fanny.
3. Leathy McCray, wife of Eugene Rennard.
4. Lydia McCray, who remained single.
5. Sarah McCray born 2-2-1847, died 7-8-1871, and is buried near her parents in Mt. Jackson. She married Walter Smith.
6. Frank McCray born 3-20-1855, and died in the late 1940’s. He was ex-Judge of Marion County, Indiana.
7. Morton McCray.
9. Samuel McCray—had 2 daughters.
10. Luke McCray, who was killed on the railroad.
11. Oscar McCray
12. William McCray, who married Miss Schneider. Their children were—
   a) Albert Lucas McCray, whose children are Irvin E. McCray and Lydia McCray, wife of Chris Denton. Indianapolis, Indiana, and Lois McCray, wife of Harry Dortch of Cypress, California.
   b) Marie McCray, who remained single.
   c) Bertha McCray, an adopted daughter, wife of Harry Rogers.

Aaron McCray was a large man of dark complexion, dark eyes, pleasant disposition and spoken of by the ladies as ‘good looking’. He came with his father to Indianapolis in 1833.
7. Susan (nah) McCray born 9-23-1822, died 8-26-1911, married Isaac McDaniel on 12-17-1846. He was from Hendricks County, Indiana. Their children were:
   (1) Richard McDaniel.
   (2) Ira McDaniel.
   (3) George McDaniel.
   (4) Columbus McDaniel.
   (6) Laura McDaniel, who married a Richwine.
   (7) Emma, who married a Mr. Herring.

8. George W. McCray born 12-29-1823, died 11-1-1905, married Catherine L. Speers on 8-20-1848. Both are buried in Mt. Jackson. There are two monuments for the wife, one states she died 12-30-1880, age 50 years, 1 month and 10 days, the newer one states she was born 1830 and died 1890. Another reference gives her birth as 11-20-1830, which bears out the older monument. Their children were
   (1) Jemima McCray (1856-1937) married Henry Leland Brock (1850-1925) Miss Forcht is a teacher in the Indianapolis Schools and is a descendant of Jemima McCray Brock.
   (2) Mattie McCray married Louie Staton. They had one child who was killed by a train.
   (3) Catherine McCray who married Smith Hollingsworth.
   (4) Samuel McCray the eldest child.
   (5) John McCray of Colorado.
   (6) Henry McCray.
   (7) Sarah McCray born 9-3-1864, died age 1 year, 2 months and 21 days.
   (8) William McCray, whose son "Bert", lives in Indianapolis.

George McCray was married a second time to a Miss (or Mrs.) Hume.

   (1) Simon Martin.
   (2) Sarah Martin, who was small when her mother died and was taken by her Aunt Susan McCray McDaniel. She married and lived in the West.

10. Richard Lucas McCray born 7-7-1828, was killed in the Battle of Vicksburg during the Civil War on the 5-12-1863. He was taken to Prairie City, Iowa, for burial. His father's two sisters, Jemima Cassidy and Sarah Woods lived there.

11. Simean McCray born 2-5-1832, died 9-3-1863, married Catherine Ward. A stone in the Mt. Jackson Cemetery says 'Elizabeth Ward, wife of Simean McCray born 6-15-1844, died 12-16-1875'. Their children were——
(1) John McCray, who owned a farm near Cadiz, Indiana, on the New Castle and Markleville Pike, was born 6-7-1860 and died 7-16-1940. He married Mary Emma Barnhill on 5-17-1883. She is living with her daughter, Betsy Cass and was 88 years old in December, 1951. They are the parents of

(a) Emmett McCray born 9-26-1889, married Loretta Kellermeir on 5-28-1914. She was born 9-12-1895. Their children are all in Indianapolis and are Emma wife of Clyde Foster and mother of 4 children, namely Clyde Jr., Richard, John and Ruth Foster; Ruth Loretta, deceased; Katherine, wife of Russell Brown, and mother of 3 children, namely, Patricia, Diana, Kathleen Brown; Emmett McCray, Jr., who married Norma Brethman and is the father of 3 children, namely Sandra, Loretta and Michael John McCray of the 9th generation of McCrays who can perpetuate the McCray name; Wilma, wife of Fred Quebe and mother of Penny Lou Quebe.

(b) Betsy McCray, wife of George Cass of Plainfield, Indiana. Betsy McCray was at one time Secretary of the old McCray Reunion.

(c) Helen McCray, wife of James L. Pedlow. They have one daughter.

(d) Alice McCray, wife of Elmer D. Cox.

(e) Mary McCray, wife of Albert Fuhrmann, is the mother of two children.

(f) Robert (Rob) McCray, who married Lulu Frankie.

(g) Chester Winfield McCray (Winn) deceased.

(2) George McCray, who married Florence (Flo) Davis, was the father of

(a) May McCray, wife of Harry Overhizer of Baltimore, Maryland. Their daughter, Georgianna, was named for her grandfather.

(b) Aneke McCray, wife of John Wilson, a druggist of Indianapolis.

(c) Josephine McCray Okes lives in California.

(3) Aaron Alonzo McCray was born 11-25-1867 and died 3-3-1944. He married Olena Dell Armstrong in 1891. They were the parents of

(a) Ruth Denise McCray, wife of Edgar Roberts, native of Pennsylvania. He is employed as a Civil Engineer of the New York Central Railroad in Indianapolis, Indiana. Their children are Ruth Denise Roberts, wife of Frank Havill of Mt. Carmel, Illinois; Virginia Ann Roberts, wife of Dr. J. D. Howell; Betty Gail Roberts, wife of Dr. George Gooliak; and Edgar Roberts, Jr., all of Indianapolis, Indiana.

(4) Elizabeth McCray died as a young girl.
Simean McCray owned and lived on the farm where the Indianapolis Speedway is now located.

III. Jemima McCray—
Third child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray was born on her father's Ten Mile Creek farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania, 8-14-1788, and died 6-2-1822, in Iowa. She married Simon Cassidy on 3-15-1818, and was known as Aunt Mima. Their children were Phineas McCray Cassidy, a noted lawyer of Iowa, Aaron Cassidy and Thomas Cassidy.

IV. Sarah McCray—
Fourth child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray was born 3-8-1791, probably in Bourbon County, Kentucky, as the tax list from that county dated March, 1791, listed her father. She married James Woods and they lived in Iowa for some time. Many of her descendants are found in Iowa. She died 9-11-1838, and her husband 8-22-1837. Both are buried in the Village Creek Baptist Cemetery in Fayette County, Indiana. Their children were — Jemima Woods, married George Ewing, Nancy Woods, Isereal Woods, Rachael Woods and Mary Woods married Lucius Harlan, John Woods and Sara Woods.

V. Moses McCray—
Fifth child of Phineas and Sarah Peters McCray. Moses McCray was born 8-15-1794, Bourbon County, Kentucky, and died 5-5-1883. He lived in South Carolina for a short time when he was a young man. He married Jane Sparks in 2-6-1817 (granddaughter of Zachariah Sparks and a daughter of William and Mary Palmer Sparks). Jane Sparks was born 12-22-1800 in South Carolina and died in 12-12-1864. Both she and her husband are buried in the McCray cemetery, Hancock County, Indiana. Their marriage license is recorded in Franklin County, Indiana.

Moses McCray was a farmer by occupation, yet interested in many other vocations. His log barn served as a Hardshell Baptist Church, the first church of any denomination in Brown Township. In this same log barn, he taught the first school. He served as both Minister and School Master for this little community until 1834, when a building was erected where the McCray Cemetery now is located. Four years later in October 29, 1838, the "Baptist Brethren" met and organized the Concord Baptist Church. Moses McCray and his brother-in-law, Stephen Harlan, donated the logs to build this new church. In the McCray Cemetery stands a Memorial in recognition of the progressiveness and good deeds of Moses and the pioneers of that community of the wilderness. The Memorial was erected and dedicated by his granddaughter, Martha McCray Stubbs.

Moses McCray at the age of seventeen, went to Preble County, Ohio, but later was married and began farming in
Fayette County, Waterloo Township, Indiana. Here his children were born. Then for two years he farmed in Rush County, then came to Hancock County, where he remained until his death.

Moses and Jane Sparks McCray were the parents of 13 children—namely,

1. Phineas McCray born 3-13-1818 and died 11-21-1899. He was married three times and all were buried in the McCray Cemetery. His first wife, Rachael, was born 4-2-1819, and died 3-16-1868. They were the parents of 11 children. Phineas had two children by second marriage.
   (1) Moses McCray born 1845.
   (2) Nancy McCray born 1847, married William Whitley.
   (3) Margaret McCray born 1849, married Daniel R. Loudenback 9-8-1870. Their daughter, Allie, married Matthew Cook and lived in Wilkinson; their children were Marie Cook, Evelyn Cook Hupp and Matthew Cook.
   (4) Pheobe McCray born 1851, married Thomas McClaren 9-3-1874, for her first husband, and John Baker for second husband.
   (5) Jasper McCray born 1853, married Maggie McDougal. They lived in Kansas, and had at least one son and one daughter.
   (6) Arthur McCray born 1855.
   (7) Flora McCray born 1857, married (1) John James, (2) Smith.
   (8) Matilda Amanda McCray married Wilson Thomas Hamilton 3-15-1868. Their daughter was Belle Hamilton, who married Robert Reger, and their daughter, Crystal Reger, lives in their home, Madison County, Indiana.
   (9) Rebecca McCray born 1861, married Hendrixson at Cody, Wyo.
   (10) Josephine McCray married Edward Smith.
   (11) Infant daughter died.
   Phineas McCray in 8-3-1871, married for his 2nd wife, Lucretia Gaurd. She was born 2-17-1837, and died 12-3-1883. They were the parents of two children—
   (12) Frances McCray, who married Harvey Henry Reger on 1-28-1894. They are the parents of (a) Mary Reger Williams and (b) Ruth Ann Reger Hanna, (c) Chas. Reger.
   (13) Pemelia McCray born in 1876.
   (14) Jacob Gaurd was a step son of Phineas McCray.
   Phineas McCray married in 8-31-188— for his third wife, Mary Lynam, who had two children by a former marriage.
   (15) Mrs. Ella Lynam Bridges, a step daughter of Phineas McCray.
   (16) Mrs. Robert Lynam Nelson, also a step daughter of Phineas McCray.
2. Mary McCray, second child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, was born August 20, 1820. She married Joseph Fort on 9-21-1840. He was born in Virginia 4-6-1814, and died 3-22-1880. She died in 1-11-1912. Both are buried in the Simmons cemetery, near Willow Branch, Indiana. They owned and lived on a farm near here all their lives. The children of Mary McCray and Joseph Fort were—

(1) Moses C. Fort born 1-7-1842, and died 9-30-1913. He married Martha Lurena Thomas and lived in the beautiful old homestead until his death. His wife, Martha Lurena, was born 1-1-1850, and died 6-30-1890. Both are buried in the Simmons cemetery. They were the parents of (a) Omer Fort, who married Addie Sommerville, who died 9-3-1950. Their children are Vera, Eva and Joseph Fort; (b) Leora Fort married Dr. C. C. Pratt, parents of Adrian Pratt Nielson; (c) John Fort, who married Martha Price.

Moses C. Fort married as his second wife, Elizabeth Armstrong Marsh.

(2) Martha Fort, who married J. W. Williams, was born in 1844. They were the parents of (a) Albert Williams; (b) Mary Williams Orr; (c) Charles Williams. Most of this family lived in and around Anderson, Indiana.

(3) Julietta A. Fort, who married L. B. Thomas was born in 1846. Their children were (a) Alice Thomas; (b) Eva Thomas Woods; Cora Thomas.

(4) James W. Fort, who was born 6-17-1853, and died 4-11-1874.

3. William McCray, third child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, lived and died in Moran, Kansas. He was a farmer in Hancock County, Indiana, but "broke up" and went west where he became quite prosperous in Kansas. He married Jane Combs in 12-5-1844. They were the parents of (a) Moses McCray; (b) William McCray, whose son is Supt. of Music in Parson, Kansas High School; (c) Alice McCray Larry. Her children are (a) Evert Larry (b) Charles Larry (c) John Larry (d) Emma Larry (e) Clara Larry. Some of the children live in Chicago and some in Kansas.

4. Rachel McCray, fourth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, was born in 1825, and died in 1913. She married Judiah Trees in 2-6-1845. He was born 10-15-1822 and died 8-27-1896. Both are buried in the McCray cemetery. They were the parents of several children.

(1) Mary Trees married Thomas Albea.
(2) John Trees married Nan Barrett.
(3) James Trees married Ollie Barrett.
(4) Joseph Trees married Julia Jones.
(5) Hannah Ellen married Kelly Haines.
Eliza Trees married Carrolton.

Alex Trees married Jackson.

5. John McCray, fifth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, was born 11-19-1827, and died in March, 1915. He married Mary Frances Brown, a daughter of Samuel B. and Jemimia J. Brown. Samuel B. Brown was born in Winchester, New Hampshire on 4-22-1785, and died 5-26-1863. His wife was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, in 1-30-1796, and died 1-19-1847. Both are buried in the McCray Cemetery, Hancock County, Indiana. Mary Frances Brown McCray was born in 3-17-1829, and died 4-14-1897. She and her husband were buried in the McCray Cemetery. They were the parents of 8 children.

1) Mary McCray born 3-2-1857, and died 6-4-1941, married William Reeves, born 2-7-1854 and died 12-10-1934. They lived in Greenfield, Indiana, and were the parents of (a) John Lewis Reeves, born 11-29-1880, who married Clara Parks; (b) Robert Franklin Reeves born 11-20-1881, who married Ruby Boyd; (c) Anna Lois Reeves, born 7-2-1886, a teacher in the Indianapolis, Indiana, schools; (d) Elijah Jabez Reeves, born 12-22-1896, who married Ruth Hasley on 6-3-1929. She died July, 1937, leaving two children, Mary Lou and Robert E.

2) Samuel N. McCray, born about 1859, married Mary Reddick in 1883. For his second wife he married Lulu Brock. He had several children. One of whom was Mellie McCray, who married Alonzo Wisehart.

3) Alice McCray, born about 1861, married on 9-30-1880, Dr. Robert Daniel Hanna, a son of Aaron and Mary Hanna of Youngstown, Ohio. Their son, Robert, was born 8-15-1851, and died in Warrington, Indiana, 10-14-1896. He came to this little community in 1878 with $35.00 and a horse and buggy. But with his sincerity, goodness of heart and willingness to work he became a prosperous doctor. At the time of his death his aged mother and four brothers and one sister were still living. His wife, Alice, was killed by a train near their home. They were the parents of (a) John L. Hanna, born 5-7-1889, who married Faye Wilson; (b) William Hanna; (c) Mary Hanna, who married George Von Schmidt; (d) Frances Hanna, deceased; and (e) Frank Hanna, who married Ruth Ann Reger.

4) Anna J. McCray, born 4-19-1863, and died in 1943, married Charles E. Judge. They were the parents of (a) Inez, who married Vernon Jackson; (b) Elsie, who married Claud Snarks; (c) Audrey, who married Freeman Smith; (d) Victoria, who married Lundy Welborn; (e) Mary Edna, 1890-1892.
(5) John Frank McCray, born 11-5-1866, and died in July, 1934. He married Mary Addison in 10-19-1889. She was born 9-3-1869. They were the parents of (a) Harriett, born 7-15-1890, and died September, 1909; (b) Essie, born 8-10-1892, and married Elmer Sipe, employed by the New York Central Railroad. They live on the father's farm north of Wilkinson, Indiana.

(6) Harriett M. McCray, born 2-16-1869, and died 9-4-1891.

(7) Martha McCray, born 2-16-1872, and died 10-6-1929, married Samuel Everett Stubbs in 8-14-1893. He was born 5-2-1871, and died 9-1-1946. They were the parents of (a) Justine Leora, born 5-13-1894, and married Ed. Loehr. They live in Boston and are the parents of Martha Justine, Mary Frances, Elizabeth Ann, and Helen Louise Loehr; (b) Paul Everett Stubbs, born 8-16-1896, and has one daughter; (c) Mary Frances Stubbs was born 8-12-1900 and married Parvin Prunk; (d) Martha Allegra Stubbs, who married Glen Curry. They are parents of two sons, Richard and Robert Curry; (e) John Halfred Stubbs, born 12-8-1905, deceased; (f) Max Brown Stubbs, born 6-12-1910; (g) Joseph James Stubbs, born 10-23-1914, both of Bakersfield, California, and (h) Richard McCray Stubbs, born 1-30-1917 and died 3-31-1919.

(8) Leora Frances McCray, born 6-1-1874, and is living in Los Angeles, California. She was a teacher in the schools there for many years and is now retired.

6. Stephen McCray, the sixth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray was born 11-13-1829, and died 1-16-1901. He married Abagail Stoops August 1852. She was born 11-19-1831, and died 2-1-1864. She was a daughter of Robert and Sarah Stoops. (See the Stoop history under Allied Families). Stephen and Abagail are both buried in the McCray cemetery. They were the parents of the following children—

(1) Luella McCray, born 1853, married Isaac Eddy Thomas. They made their home in Kansas, and are the parents of: (a) Nettie Thomas, married John Mock and lives in Erie, Kansas; (b) Albert Thomas married Maggie I. Morris and lives in Canon City, Colorado; (c) Alberta Thomas, a twin of Albert, died at age of 3 or 4 years and is buried in cemetery at Willow Branch, Indiana; (d) Elbert died in infancy and is buried in Willow Branch; (e) Alfred Stephen Thomas married Stella Thomas and lives in Rooston, Oklahoma, RR No. 1; (f) Clay Thomas married Minnie and lives in Ashland, Kansas; (g) Mary Maud Thomas married Emery Simmons for her first husband, and Fred Johnson for her second husband and they live in
Greenburg, Kansas; (h) Anna Pearl Thomas married Charles Robert Johns of Kentucky, and they live 117 1/2 North Street, Canon City, Colorado.

(2) Nancy Jane (Jenet) McCray born 2-17-1858 died 9-15-1926, married 8-7-1879 Benjamin Frank Grass (born 3-4-1855) (died 6-29-1932). They were married by Elisha Earl at his home in Cleveland, Indiana, as they stood in their buggy. Their children are: (a) Oral Grass died at age of 12; (b) Alberta Grass married first John Simmons who died in Indianapolis, Indiana. They were parents of Harriet Simmons, who lives with her mother at 1031 Elm Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Alberta Grass married as her second husband Peterson; (c) Sarah Grass, deceased; (d) John Grass; (e) Mary Grass-Lake.

(3) Dr. Robert McCray, a twin of Nancy Jane (t) McCray born 2-17-1858, married Nina Hardy and lived in Morristown, Indiana. Dr. Robert Hanna was a ‘preceptor’ to Robert McCray while he was learning to be a doctor. Dr. McCray was the father of (a) Anna McCray Wallace who first married a Mr. Sanford and is the mother of Edith Sanford Boone, Dorothy Sanford Roberts Boltinghouse and Harold Sanford. The second marriage of Anna McCray was to Arthur Wallace.

(4) Warren McCray died as a child.

(5) Owen McCray married and had five boys, and lives on 25th Street, Detroit, Michigan.

(6) Frank McCray born in 1862.

(7) Mary Catherine McCray born in 1863, married Jessie F. Collins. Their only child is Ewert J. Collins of Knightstown, Indiana.

Stephen McCray married as his second wife Mary Margaret Thomas Gibbs in 8-4-1867. She was born 7-5-1835 and died 1-30-1914. She had two children, William Gibbs, born 1857, and Sally Gibbs, who married Clay Martindale. Stephen and Mary Gibbs McCray were the parents of—

(8) Mazzie A. McCray, born in 1866, married Leonidas R. (Alonzo) Thomas on 7-18-1886. They were the parents of George Thomas (wife, Edna May) and Frank Thomas (wife, Floss Sparks) daughter, Mrs. Claude White.

(9) Alice Belle McCray born 1868, married Alonzo Presnell 4-5-1886. They were the parents of (a) Cecil Presnell; (b) Mabel Presnell; (c) Lela Presnell; (d) Walter Presnell.

(10) Anna McCray born 1871, married Benton Yetter on 2-19-1888. They were the parents of (a) Forest Yetter, who married Beulah Tulley; (b) Russell Yetter, who married Andra DeChateau.
(11) Walter McCray, born 1873, married Edna Pickering. They had a set of twins that died in infancy, and two sons, Harold and Ward McCray, who later made their home with Pauline Pickering Ice of Peoria, Illinois.

7. James Thomas McCray, seventh child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, born in 1831 and died in Allen County, Kansas. His first marriage was to Mrs. Rebecca Gregg, who had two children, William Gregg and Hattie Gregg, who married Joseph W. McDaniel. The children of James and Rebecca McCray are:

(1) Ollie McCray Rhoe of Allen County, Kansas. She died 5-11-1948 in Pa. She was the mother of two children, a son and a daughter.
(2) Sadie McCray, who married Chas. Swain.
(3) Lonna McCray, born 1859.
(4) Phebe McCray, born 1861.
(5) Samuel McCray, born 1863.
(6) Wesley McCray, born 1864.
(7) James McCray, born 1869.
(8) Arthur Maggard, born 1865, was listed as a stepson in the 1880 Census of Greensboro Township, Henry County, Indiana.

(9) John McCray, born 1863, married Anna McNicol and they had 9 children—(a) Frances McCray Sealey; (b) Edna McCray Lewis; (c) James McCray; (d) Wiley McCray, who died young; (e) Mary McCray Bachelor of El Reno, Oklahoma; (f) Charles McCray; (g) Clara McCray Reed; (h) Jennie Mae McCray Reed of Coffeyville, Kansas. She attended the McCray Reunion at Knightstown, Indiana, in 1947.

(10) Mary McCray married John Wiley and has an adopted daughter, Fern Wiley.

(11) Benny McCray, who was a cripple, lived in Kansas.

James Thomas McCray married for his second wife, Mary Snooks, and they lived in Savonburg, Kansas. (There has been a conflict of dates—Note.)

8. Martha McCray—
Eighth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, was born 8-28-1833, Waterloo Township, Fayette County, Indiana. When she was two years old she came to Rush County with her parents, and two years later came to Brown Township, Hancock County, and remained there the rest of life. She died 3-17-1915, while visiting her daughter, Emily Scholl, just two miles from her birth place. On 11-27-1856, she married Jacob Alexander McDaniel, son of Bryan and Elizabeth Prose McDaniel. The grandfather, Henry McDaniel, was a Revolutionary soldier from Virginia. Jacob A. McDaniel (Uncle Alec) McDaniel was born in Gallia County, Ohio, 3-4-1829, and died 12-22-1897. Both he and his wife are buried in the
McCray Cemetery. Uncle Alec and Aunt Martha were two of the grand pioneers who made the communities better places for living. As they prospered, they built themselves a new brick home which was one of the showplaces of its time. The bricks were made just a few feet from where they erected their home. Here in this home they reared to manhood and womanhood ten of their eleven children, namely—

(1) Joseph William McDaniel, born 8-26-1857, died 4-15-1933, was buried at the Harlan Cemetery just a few miles from where he lived most of his life. He was married twice, first in 8-8-1882 to Hattie C. Gregg, born 5-25-1864, and died 7-24-1890. She was buried in the McCray Cemetery. They were the parents of—
   (a) Walter Alexander McDaniel, born 7-15-1883, married Theresa Juengst born 7-19-1883, of New Britain, Conn., on 11-30-1911. They lived at 57 Linwood St., New Britain, Conn. They are the parents of 1 daughter, Lillian Martha McDaniel, born 5-23-1913.
   (b) Warren Fussell McDaniel, born 10-3-1884. He was married 8-15-1907, to Bessie Tinney, born 10-8-1887. They live at 530 W. 3rd St., Dayton, O., and are the parents of 6 children.


(2) Mildred McDaniel married Watt Steffler. They are parents of 6 children, Virginia, Dolores, Maxine, who married Don Knight and lives at Pacific Grove, Cal., Harry, Lloyd and Ronald LeRoy McDaniel. Josephine Osterday, a daughter of Mildred McDaniel by a former marriage, married Elwood Kaylor, 8-16-1946. They have 2 children, Shavne Louise and Elwood Kaylor, and live in Dayton, O.

(3) Harriet McDaniel married Roy Renshaw 11-30-1933, live at 2726 W. Belmont Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., and are parents of 3 children, Donald R., Margaret Faye and Merle Ann.

(4) John William McDaniel married Daisy Davis 3-31-1938, live on Kittridge Rd., Dayton, O. Parents of 4 children, Martha, Janett, Marvin and Travis Eugene.


Joseph W. McDaniel married as his second wife, Ida Bell Young of Madison County, Indiana. Born 10-2-1869, died 9-18-1942. She is buried beside her husband in the Harlan Cemetery. They were parents of

(d) Russell Lowell McDaniel, born 10-16-1894, married Ethel Hittle, born 2-12-1900, daughter of Marshall and Anna Hittle. They were married 8-15-1920. They were parents of twin boys, Marvin and Marlin, born 5-13-1933. Marvin died 5-17-1943. They live in St. Petersburg, Florida.

(e) Travis Earnest McDaniel, born 1-26-1896. Married Florence Housefield of Whiteland, Indiana, 7-24-1943. She was born 4-24-1907. They live near Wilkinson, Indiana.

(f) Martha McDaniel, 12-5-1897, married Russell Fort, 2-28-1892, Aug. 25, 1921. He was the son of Oscar and Laura Maxwell Fort of Knightstown, Indiana.

(g) Ardis LeRoy, 8-21-1899, married Emogene Nealy, 4-4-1945, born in Hancock County, Indiana, 7-28-1918. They are parents of Sally Ann, Mary Margaret, Nancy Jane and live near Wilkinson, Indiana.


(2) Emily Jane McDaniel was born 1-30-1859, and died in Fayette County, Indiana, in 7-16-1932, and is buried in the Springersville Cemetery. She married William Curtis Scholl on 2-5-1883. He died 12-17-1888. They were the parents of (a) Chester Allen Scholl, born 12-23-1883. He married Cora Slaughter on 7-30-1904, and they had one son, Clifford Orestes Scholl. Chester Allen Scholl married for his second wife, Lola Riggs, on 6-30-1918. They are the parents of Olive Scholl.

(b) Curtis Alexander Scholl born 3-6-1889, died in February, 1948. He married Estella Bicard 6-16-1909. They are the parents of Frances Scholl Williams of New Paris, Ohio, and Joseph Scholl of Hagerstown, Indiana. Curtis Scholl died February, 1948. Emily Scholl married for her second husband, James Frank Holland, 9-6-1906. He died in their home near Connersville, Indiana on 5-4-1919.

(3) Charles Arbanner McDaniel was born 9-19-1860, and died 8-23-1925. He remained single and is buried in the McCray Cemetery beside his parents.

(4) James Bryan McDaniel was born 4-24-1862, and died 4-21-1934. He married 4-17-1895, Ora Annie Somerville, the eldest daughter of John and Ann McCallister Somerville of Madison County, Indiana. She was born 4-19-1862, and died 7-3-1932. Both are buried in the McCray Cemetery. They were the parents of two children. (a) Minnie Irene McDaniel, born 9-25-1896.
On 7-11-1925, she married Walter Mitchel Titus, born 5-26-1886, a son of John and Susan Elizabeth Midkiff Titus. (b) Lora Agnes McDaniel was born 10-22-1903.

On 9-5-1925, she married Paul Burton Whelchel, born 2-10-1905, son of Samuel Berton and Bertha Mae McCall Whelchel of Anderson, Indiana.

(5) Mary Alice McDaniel was born 11-24-1863, and died 10-29-1908. She married Lewis Scholl 2-26-1885. He died 8-14-1928. Both are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery near Springersville, Fayette County, Indiana. They were the parents of six children (a) An infant baby lived only a few days; (b) Donnie Crystal, born 4-20-1887 and died 9-25-1890; (c) Neva Olive Scholl, born 1-6-1890, married Elmer Newland on 3-24-1909. They are the parents of four children, Donald, Otis Elmer, Lois Marie and Mark Eddie Newland; (d) Martha Hazel Scholl, born 1-28-1892, married Frank Carson on 1-1-1916. They live near Liberty, Indiana, and are the parents of four children, Mary Jane, John Franklin, Martha and Glen Carson; (e) Sylvia Marie Scholl, born 1-6-1895, married Forest Showalter 10-15-1913. They live near Brownsville, Indiana, and are the parents of one son, Frederick Showalter; (f) Florence Opal Scholl, born 7-8-1900, married Lloyd Williamson 3-4-1920. They live in Anderson, Indiana, and are the parents of one daughter, Phyllis Williamson Wheasler of Delay Beach, Florida.

(6) John Wesley McDaniel was born 6-16-1865 and died 3-11-1866. He is buried in the McCray Cemetery.

(7) Levi McDaniel born 12-31-1866, lived most of his life in Indianapolis, Indiana, died at the age of 82 years, in July of 1949. He married Florence Collier 7-26-1886 and she died in 1893. He married as his second wife, Alice Brewer Lewis on 11-7-1896. She died 11-28-1913. She was the mother of one son Ray Lewis, whose father was Charles Lewis. Levi and Alice Brewer McDaniel were the parents of six children, (a) Leo McDaniel, born 4-24-1897, lives in Kentucky and is the father of one son; (b) Forest McDaniel, born 8-6-1898, lives in Ardmore, Maryland. He married Lucille McKinley of Muncie, Indiana. They are the parents of four children, Allen, Sue, Janett, Thomas Edward. He has one step son, William, who is a paratrooper in England. (c) Harold McDaniel, born 8-26-1900, lives in Indianapolis and is the father of a daughter, Marjorie, living in Tennessee; (d) Wanda Opal McDaniel, born 8-26-1902; (e) Hazel Lucille McDaniel, born 8-19-1904 and died 8-10-1922 and is buried beside her father in the McCray Cemetery; (f) Alice Mae McDaniel, born
11-24-1904. She and her sister, Opal, live in the home place in Indianapolis.


(8) Nancy McDaniel, born 9-8-1868, died 8-3-1903, married James Frank Holland 2-16-1888 in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Martha. She and her husband lived in Fayette County and they are buried in the Springersville Cemetery there.

(9) Martha Frances McDaniel, born 8-9-1870, died in 1943, married Liscomb Morton Titus 2-16-1888, in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Nancy. He was born 1-23-1863, and died in 1927. He was a son of Samuel and Eliza Seward Titus. Martha and Liscomb Titus are both buried in the McCray Cemetery and were the parents of five children—(a) Oscar Titus, born 1-26-1889, married Gladys Lewis. Their children are L. M., Ellen Frances and Marilyn Rose Titus. (b) Zella Mae Titus, born 11-4-1890, married George Sparks. They had one son, Robert Titus Sparks born 3-16-1912, and died 7-12-1944, leaving a daughter, Julia Sparks. He is buried in Memorial Cemetery, Anderson, Indiana. (c) Justin E. Titus, born 12-7-1892, is married and lives in Rochester, New York. (d) Thelma A. Titus, born 7-29-1899, and died September, 1900, (e) Eula E. Titus, born 1-20-1904, married Paul Johns. They have one son, Lee Roy Johns.

(10) Jacob Alexander McDaniel, born 11-13-1873, and died 9-5-1950, married Laura Luella Wisehart 12-25-1900. They were the parents of four children—(a) Franklin Alexander McDaniel, born 10-1-1901. He is a Pastor of the Cameron Methodist Church of Denver, Colorado. He married Fern Green 7-31-1929. They have one daughter, Joan McDaniel, and an adopted son, William McDaniel; (b) Infant son born 10-12-1902, and died a few days later; (c) Herbert Nelson McDaniel, born 10-4-1904, and died 6-13-1921; (d) Aura Lenneth McDaniel, born 4-18-1909, married George Thalls 12-24-1928. Their children are Martha Louise Thalls Carver, born 2-2-1930. Her daughter, Nila Jean Carver, is one of the youngest in the ninth generation of McCrays. Another daughter of Aura Lenneth and George Thalls is Lorena Ann Thalls, born 6-23-1948

(11) Daisy Mae McDaniel, born 5-26-1878, lives in Warrington, Indiana. She married Charles Edgar Sparks in 1900. He was born 12-7-1871, and died August, 1946. He is buried in the McCray Cemetery. They are the parents of four children (a) Nancy Luella
Sparks, born 2-4-1901, and married Paul James Martin. Their daughter, Mary Frances Martin Molden, born 11-16-1921, died January, 1947, leaving two children, JoAnn and William Molden; (b) Howard Arnold Sparks, born 9-8-1902, died 10-28-1942, married Mable Kennedy. They had one daughter, Amelia Mae Sparks, born in 1932. (c) Infant; (d) Dr. Joseph William Sparks, born 2-26-1904, a noted chemist of New Jersey, married Merideth Pleasant. They are the parents of Ruth, Alice, Charles and John Sparks.

9. Moses A. McCray, ninth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, was born in 1835, and died 7-23-1902, in Woburn, Illinois. He married on 4-8-1858 Rebecca Jane Morris, who was born 6-1-1843, and died 6-9-1915, age 72 years and eight days. She was the daughter of Lewis and Margaret Morris, of near Elizabeth City, Henry County, Indiana. Some of their other children were Robert, James and Thomas Morris. Moses and Rebecca Morris McCray were the parents of 13 children. Some of them are—

(1) Lois Ann McCray, born 3-9-1859 in Warrington, Indiana, and died in Hillview, Illinois, on 8-1-1925. She married first, John E. Thompson on 10-9-1878, and they were the parents of (a) Minnie Leona Thompson Pinkerton of Salem, Missouri; Lois Ann McCray married for her second husband, Frank E. Allen of Rushville, Nebraska on 12-4-1888. By this marriage she had four children: (b) Ophelia Mulberry of Granite City, Illinois; (c) Oswald Allen of St. Charles, Missouri; (d) Frank M. Allen of Hillview, Illinois; (e) Almon Allen, deceased. She also had two step children, namely, Charles Allen of St. Louis and Bertha Allen Blackwell of Granite City, Illinois.

(2) Samuel McCray of New Bloomfield, Illinois.
(3) Morris McCray of Ellis Grove, Illinois.
(4) Raymond McCray of Maywood, California.
(5) William McCray of Maywood, California.
(6) Wesley McCray of Hillview, Illinois.
(7) John McCray.

10. Nancy McCray, tenth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, was born 2-5-1837, and died 11-23-1903. She was married to John W. Vandenbark on 6-17-1858. He was born 2-4-1825, in Ohio, and died 10-11-1898. Both are buried in the Knightstown, Indiana, Cemetery. They were the parents of several children, some of who were

(1) Cassius M. Vandenbark, born 1860.
(2) Moses W. Vandenbark, born 1861.
(3) Roxanna Vandenbark, born 1864, married John Simmons.

Both are buried in the McCray Cemetery. They are
the parents of (a) Maude Simmons Bolen, who lives on the original Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana, McCray homestead, across the road from the McCray Cemetery. She has two daughters; (b) John Wesley Simmons is married and the father of Susan.

(4) John Vandenbark born 1866.
(5) Martha Vandenbark, born 1868, married Frank Martindale.
(6) Robert Vandenbark, born 6-12-1871, and died 12-23-1893.

(7) James S. Vandenbark.
11. Sally McCray, the eleventh child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, died as an infant and is buried in the McCray Cemetery.
12. Sarah Ann McCray, twelfth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, born on 8-11-1840 and died at the age of one year and ten months, is also buried in the McCray Cemetery.
13. Phebe L. McCray, thirteenth child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray, born 7-8-1842, and died 1-5-1861, age 18 years, 9 months and 23 days. She was buried in the McCray Cemetery. Some references give her birth as 1837, the monument gives the above dates.

Moses McCray Senior was married for the second time when he was quite old to Amanda C. Cotton. He spent his late years in the home of his daughter, Nancy Vandenbark. He died 5-5-1883, and is buried in the McCray Cemetery.

VI. Aaron McCray, the sixth child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray, was born 2-15-1797, and died 8-23-1819. He married Mary William on 11-13-1817. The marriage records are in the Court House at Brookville, Indiana. They were married by James Smith. They were the parents of a daughter, Nancy McCray.

VII. Rachael McCray, the seventh child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray, was born 3-30-1799. On 4-7-1818 she married Josiah Sparks, a son of William and Mary Palmer Sparks. He was also a brother of Jane Sparks, the wife of Moses McCray; Moses McCray was a brother of the above Rachael McCray. Josiah and Rachael McCray Sparks were the parents of at least four or more children. One was Joshua Sparks, whose wife was Amy ——.

VIII. John McCray, eighth child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray was born 1-15-1805, and died 11-9-1865, married Elizabeth Huston on 10-11-1836. They lived in College Corner, Ohio, and were the parents of
(1) Samuel McCray, 1837-1841.
(2) Lucinda McCray, 1841-1862.
(3) Joseph Peter McCray died in 1911. He made his home with his brother, John H. McCray.
John H. McCray born in 1849 and died in 1932, married Evaline Forbes. They lived in College Corner, Ohio, and were the parents of (a) Mary Toney, also of College Corner; (b) Paul McCray of College Corner; (c) Hueston McCray.

Jane Peters McCray, after the death of her husband, Phineas McCray, made her home with her son, John H. McCray. She died in his home and was buried beside her husband in the Old Village Creek Baptist Church Graveyard.

CHAPTER FOUR

Shaphet (Shobet) McCray (Generation III)

Shaphet McCray, the second (probably) child of Samuel McCray II, was born about 1763 or 1764 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He settled in Wayne Township, Henry County, Indiana, in 1819 or 1820, for "North of Knightstown along Montgomery Creek a little settlement was formed and among the early settlers was Shaphet McCray. On August 13, 1820, at a land sale at Brookville, Indiana, he bought a great deal of land. In 1821, he and his brother-in-law, Abraham Heaton, bought land. In 1822, Shaphet was appointed to the Grand Jury; and in 1825, he was appointed 'Fence Viewer' of Henry County, Wayne Township.

In 1-29-1798, he married Catherine Yokoy. This marriage was recorded in Bourbon County, Kentucky. In the early 1940's I met and talked with Alfred McCray, then nearing his one hundredth birthday; he was a grandson of Shaphet and lived in Shelbyville, Indiana. His memory did not let him tell me too much on such a short visit.

Note: In Somerset, New Jersey, William McCrea, born in 1743, married Mary Shaffett, born in 1745.

In the past few years the Moses McCray reunion has been meeting in the Knightstown Park, which overlooks the spot where Shaphet McCray settled.

Shaphet McCray—Generation III

Just back of the grave of Catharine Heaton, in an old cemetery on extreme North East corner of Knightstown, Indiana, lies a grave enclosed in an iron fence. The head stone is inscribed as follows—

"Nancy, wife of Alfred McCray, died Jan. 25, 1849, aged 30 years, 2 months—" The remainder is indistinct.

(Note: This Alfred McCray might have been the son of Shaphet McCray, who settled in this community about 1819. And whose grandson, Alfred McCray, born about 1840, talked with me in 1940.)

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CHAPTER FIVE

Martin McCray (Generation III)

Martin McCray, the third (probably) child of Samuel McCray II, listed himself as being from Montgomery County, Ohio, when he purchased 110 acres of land in Section 29, T 14, R 13 from Robert Brown at a land sale at Brookville, Indiana, 3-19-1817, for $120.00. In 5-19-1817, at Brookville an 'Indenture' between 'James Brannon and his wife, Mary McCray Brannon, of the one part and Martin McCray—' was made. In this deed he was listed as being from Franklin County, Indiana.

The Probate Court of Union County, Liberty, Indiana, lists the Estate of Martin McCray as being probated 9-11-1836, and the administrators were Samuel A. Crawford and Hannah McCray. It is presumable that Hannah McCray was the wife of Martin, deceased.

Martin McCray and his wife were the parents of 8 children, 3 sons and 5 daughters—
1. William McCray married Lucinda Edwards and they were the parents of—
   (a) Elmore McCray.
   (b) Samuel Parker McCray, who died in infancy.
   (c) Greenberry Ward McCray, who was the father of Ex-Governor Warren McCray of Indiana. (These notes were given to me by Mrs. William P. Evans, a daughter of Governor McCray. She lives in Indianapolis, Indiana).
   (d) Oliver McCray of Nebraska.
   (e) Almira Donelly of Texas.
   (f) Emma McCray, who remained single.
   (g) Mary McCray Allen of Texas.
2. Daniel McCray of Iowa.
3. James McCray of Iowa.
4., 5, 6, 7, 8 daughters’ names I do not have.

Note: In the history of Fayette County, page 164, a James Ward bought land in 1813, 1814, 1815.

Greenberry Ward and his father, James Ward, made a tour of this region (Rockville, Adams Township) in 1821. James Ward was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, 10-1-1770, and died 2-10-1840. His wife was born in Virginia 10-13-1770 and died 1-11-1857. Both died in Parke County, Indiana. In the 1850 census James and Luarsa Ward, age 47 and 44 respectively, had living in their household Adaline E., age 17, Elizabeth Ward, age 80, who was born in Pennsylvania, Ira Steele age 14, born in Indiana and Julia (colored) born in Kentucky. The wife, Luarsa, was born in Pennsylvania.
James C. Ward and his wife, age 26 and 25 respectively, were living near James and Luarsa Ward in the 1850 census. Listed was a son, Samuel A., age 1 year, in 1850.

Greenberry Ward was born in Woodford County, Kentucky 9-1-1800. His children were William N., who died March, 1847; James A. Ward died 1-10-1832; Adeline E. Ward married William H. Harding 1-29-1856 and lived in Rockville in 1880, Parker County, Indiana.

Hannah McCray was probably Hannah Cox before her marriage. See Boone County, Indiana, history page 270—"Zebulon Cox born 7-11-1825, son of William and Elizabeth Erganbright Cox—was left an orphan at the age of 7 and lived with his Uncle Martin McCray of Ohio—until he was 18 years old.”

CHAPTER SIX

William McCray (Generation III)

William McCray, the fourth (probably) child of Samuel McCray II, married Elizabeth Saingore 11-22-1793, in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He is listed as settling near Samuel McCray in Todd’s Fork, Ohio, Washington Township, Warren County Ohio.

“William McCray and Mrs. Patrick of Bourbon County, Kentucky” attended the Second McCray Reunion held near Brick Chapel, five miles north of Greencastle, Indiana, on August 9, 1894. (These might have been grandchildren of William and Elizabeth McCray)

CHAPTER SEVEN

Mary McCray—Generation III—

Mary McCray was a daughter of Samuel McCray II and married James Brannon. She was “taken apart from husband” when she signed the deed with her X (Mark) to Martin McCray, Franklin County, Indiana, 5-19-1817. In the memoirs of Mary McCray Reeves, a daughter of Moses McCray, she recalled that Aunt Polly (Mary) and her sisters, Aunt Peggy (Margaret) and Aunt Prisilla visited in the Moses McCray home and that Aunt Polly (Mary) was a ‘single’ lady. So this would bear out the above statement that she was “taken apart from her husband”.
CHAPTER EIGHT

Margaret McCray (Generation III)

Margaret McCray, a daughter of Samuel McCray II, was known as Aunt Peggy. She married John Cox. In the Mt. Jackson Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana, where a great many of the older McCray's were buried, there is a John Cox, born Jan., 1751, buried in the midst of the McCrays, who died 6-10-1810, age 59 years, 5 months and — days.

Note: From the reference under the Martin McCray family, I presume that William Cox, John Cox and Hannah McCray were brothers and sisters.

CHAPTER NINE

Samuel McCray III (Generation III)

Samuel McCray III was the son of Samuel McCray II, and was born January, 1775, probably on the old homestead in Pennsylvania. He came to Putnam County, Indiana, in 1837, and remained there until his death, 9-11-1862. He is buried in the Brick Chapel Cemetery five miles north of Greencastle, Indiana. He married Rebecca Hedges in (December) or April 2, 1795, and they lived in or near Middletown, Kentucky, until they came to Putnam County. She is the daughter of Joseph, 1743-1804, and Sarah Hedges of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and was born 3-3-1775, near Fredricksburg, Maryland. Samuel and Rebecca Hedges McCray were the parents of several children, listed in the "Woolsey Families" as the following—

1. Sarah McCray born 5-3-1798, died 11-14-1879, and married Abner Peyton.

Note: It was probably her daughter, Mollie Call Jones who attended the second McCray Reunion 9-9-1894 with her brother, William Call, they were both listed as being from Carpentersville, Indiana.
7. James McCray 11-__.1810.
8. Fleming McCray born 11-8-1812 (or 2-8-1813), married Mary Howlett in 1842. She was born 7-27-1824 and died in
1880. He and his brother, William McCray, attended the second McCray Reunion and were from Putnam County, Indiana.


10. William McCray, born 3-27-1818, in Bourbon County, Kentucky, died in 7-20-1909. He had a daughter (a) Hattie McCray Thomas. He married Nancy Wood, born 3-2-1821. She was a daughter of William Wood of Botetourt County, Virginia, who was born in 1770, and died in 1834. Her mother, Sarah Wood, died in 1846. William and Sarah Wood came to Putnam County, Indiana, in 1828. They were the parents of seven children—Susan, Polly, Willis, Nelson and Nancy Ann Wood, who married the above William McCray. She died in 1-25-1873.

**CHAPTER TEN**

**Catherine McCray (Generation III)**

Catherine McCray was a daughter of Samuel McCray II, and married Abraham Heaton (or Eaton). She sold her interest in the Samuel McCray Estate in 2-20-1818 to Mary McCray; they were residents of Wayne County, Indiana, at this time. Catherine and her husband were the first settlers on the east side of Buck Creek near Knightstown, Indiana. Abraham Heaton had the first Grist Mill in Henry County, Indiana, at the mouth of Buck Creek, now the site of White Mills. Abraham Heaton was the superintendent of the schools. (This was in the early 1800’s).

In an old cemetery on the extreme northeast corner of Knightstown, Indiana, lies the grave of Catherine Heaton. The head stone is broken and part lies on the ground. It has the following inscription: “In memory of Catherine Heaton, born Aug. 16, 1781, and departed this life March 26, 1831.”

Abraham Heaton had two brothers who spelled their names differently. They spelled it Eaton. “Col. Daniel Eaton was born in Pennsylvania on 8-27-1780 and died in 1865. While quite young he came westward and purchased land in Preble County, Ohio. The town of Eaton was named for him. He married Mary Furgeson who bore him 11 children. He was married three times and had 16 children in all (8 boys and 8 girls). His funeral rites were said by a Baptist minister.” He was listed in Decatur County in 1830, and later in Howard County.

Ebenezer Heaton Sen. was in Fayette County, Indiana Census of 1820, about this time Ebenezer Heaton and his
wife, Joanna Heaton, sold land in Shelby County, Indiana. Ebenezer Heaton in 1820 and 1830 Census was listed in Fayette and Dearborn Counties. Daniel Heaton in 1830 Census was listed in Decatur County. David Heaton in 1820 Census was in Jefferson and in 1820 Asa Heaton was in Henry County and is buried in Knightstown Cemetery. He died 3-16-1857, aged 59 years, 11 months and 2 days. His wife, Mary M. Cary Heaton, is buried beside him, 1811-1904. Their son, Asa E. Heaton, married Elizabeth Caroline Woods.

In 1820-1830 there was an Eli Heaton in Shelbyville, Indiana.

In the 1880 Census of Hancock County, Indiana, Abram Heaton, 1825, and wife, Levina C., 1833, had the following children: Asa H., 1861; Ernest, 1863; Elizabeth Byrkit, born in 1794, Pennsylvania, was listed as mother-in-law and living in the household of Abraham Heaton.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Prisilla McCray (Generation III)

Prisilla McCray was a daughter of Samuel McCray II. Some references give her marriage to a man by the name of John Call, but I have not found any proof to substantiate this data.

CHAPTER TWELVE

James McCray (Generation III)

James McCray is listed by Mrs. Peck in the History of the Harland family as being a child of Samuel McCray II. I find no records to substantiate this conclusion. However, there was a James McCray in Bourbon County, Kentucky, who owned 8,000 acres of land on 3-10-1785. Mrs. Peck states that James McCray born 2-23-1806, married Mary Harlan in 1829, in Ohio and was the son of James and Hannah McCray. I find a James McCray of Waterloo Township, Fayette County, Indiana, in the 1850 Census as being born in 1804 in Ohio and his wife, Mary, born in 1809 and their children were Columbus, age 20, Robinson, age 18, Philander, age 19, Olive, age 15, Samaria age 13, Abram, age 11, Abuton, age 11, Mirani, age 9, Addison, age 7, Elosoda, age 5, Miranda, age 1. (None of these names are common to the McCray Families, so I doubt that they belong directly to this Samuel McCray II family).
Zachariah Sparks (Generation I) (17—about 1799)

Zachariah Sparks lived in Laurens District South Carolina, at the time of the Revolutionary War. Before the War he had lived in the Old Newberry 96th District. On 4-3-1775 100 acres of land was granted to him in this District. It lay on the south side of the Enoree River. He and his wife, Mary, sold 100 acres of land to Wm. Wadlington on 5-8-1775. (Newberry Court House, Deed A—page 579).

It is stated by his grandson, Hiram Sparks, that Zachariah Sparks was a personal friend of General Nathaniel Greene. And that during the Revolutionary War General Greene came to the Sparks home to visit and rest during the fighting in the South. At one of these times he gave Zachariah one of his War worn coats as a keepsake. Zachariah donned the coat and went outside and was shot down by a British spy who had mistaken him for General Greene.

Zachariah served in many capacities in the War, and had many thrilling experiences. On one occasion he was taken prisoner by soldiers under General Cornwallis; in the march that followed, the British Army encamped on a spot near the Sparks home for the night. Mary Sparks went into the British camp and cut the bands that held her husband and fellow prisoners. All made their escape in the night. Later Zachariah was again taken prisoner. He pretended to be so reconciled to his lot that he was given many liberties and finally placed on guard duty. Very soon he found means of escape and returned to the American lines. However, he was mistaken for an enemy as he slipped into camp and was wounded in the hip. But as soon as he recovered he returned to the call of Liberty and remained faithful to the American cause until his death which occurred about 1779.

It has not as yet been proven in just what particular battles Zachariah took part. So many of the South Carolinians fought in unscheduled 'skirmishes' in South Carolina and no official records were kept. However, it is possible that he and his neighbors might have been in the Battle of Clark's Ford. This was fought on the Enoree river near the home of John Clark, and John Clark's land bounded the east side of Zachariah's land.

Zachariah and Mary Sparks were the parents of at least two sons, John and William Sparks. 1. John Sparks, who 'disappeared in early life and was never heard from afterwards', according to the memoirs of Hiram Sparks. However, there was a John Sparks and his wife, Margaret, who sold 197
acres of land on 1-27-1790 that lay on the Gyger River, a branch of the Enoree River in the Old Newberry District. (See Deed C—page 825, Newberry Court House, S. C. 2. William Sparks, the other son, 1772-1862, became a part of the McCray ancestors when his daughter, Jane Sparks, married Moses McCray.

The Sparkses, Palmers and Moses McCray all lived in the Laurens District of South Carolina. These families all intermarried.

There was also a Stephen Sparks who lived 10 miles N. W. of Newberry Court House between the years 1790-1804, and was a member of the Brush River Baptist Church. He received a grant of land in 1786 on the Indian Creek, a branch of the Enoree River. Most of the older families of the McCrays, Palmers and Sparkses were Baptists.

William Sparks (Generation II) (1772-1862)

William Sparks was born 8-7-1772, in Laurens District, South Carolina, and grew to manhood there. He married Mary Palmer about 1795. She was the daughter of Joshua Palmer (discussed later) and was born 7-6-1779, and died on her 69th birthday, 7-6-1848. Her husband died 1-31-1862, and both are buried in the Old Village Creek Baptist Church Graveyard.

William and Mary Palmer Sparks, with a number of Baptists, left South Carolina and emigrated to Indiana in 1812. William and Mary first settled near Liberty, Union County, Indiana. They remained there “until their land came into the market”. Then they sold and moved to Connersville Township, Fayette County, Indiana, on Section 36, and remained there the rest of their lives. William and Mary were most estimable citizens, honored and respected by all who knew them. They were chartered members of the Village Creek Baptist Church. They were the parents of ten children:

1. Zachariah Sparks II was born in 1796. At one time he was listed in Johnson County, Indiana, and owned land on Blue River in 10-5-1820. He married Elizabeth Carter, 5-16-1815. They were married by James Smith. (See Franklin Territory Marriages, 1815).

2. Joshua Sparks was born in 1798, and married Rachel McCray, 4-7-1818, the seventh child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray. They owned land in Franklin County, Indiana, in 1819. They were the parents of several children. (a) Joshua Sparks, whose wife was Amy.

3. Jane Sparks was born 12-22-1800 and died 12-12 1864. She married Moses McCray, the 5th child of Phineas and Sarah Jane Peters McCray. They were the parents of 13 children, (a) Phineas; (b) Mary; (c) William; (d) Rachel;
4. Mary Sparks was born 2-6-1802, in South Carolina and died in 11-23-1887. She married Stephen Harlan, who was born 6-9-1801 in South Carolina and died in 4-19-1877. Both are buried in the Harlan Cemetery, Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana. In 1850 there were only two of their children living with them, Joshua, age 20 years, and Elizabeth, age 3 years.

5. John Sparks was born in 1809 and became a distinguished Baptist Minister. He and his brother, Rev. William, both of Connersville, Indiana, dedicated the Concord Baptist Church of Hancock County, Indiana. The old log church was torn down in 1855 and a new frame one was built in 1856. Tradition says “when the organ was brought into this new church, Rev. Sparks refused its entrance until it was baptized in Sugar Creek”. These men were brothers of Polly Harlan and Jane McCray, both charter members of the old log Baptist Church.

6. William Sparks II was born in 1812 and died in 1891. He married Elizabeth Webb, who was born in 1818, and died in 1881. He became a Baptist Minister of note. Both he and his wife are buried in the Village Creek Baptist Cemetery. They spent most of their life in Fayette County, Indiana, but at one time was listed as living in Johnson County, Indiana. They were the parents of nine children—(a) Phoebe Sparks, who married a Mr. Edwards, a descendant of Nathaniel Green; (b) Mary J. Sparks, born 9-8-1834 and died 3-2-1885, married Samuel Green, who was born 11-1-1832 and died 1-3-1910; (c) John E. Sparks, born 9-2-1835, died 1-3-1911, married Elizabeth McNutt, who was born 7-11-1841 and died 7-28-1901. Both are buried in Village Creek Cemetery; (d) William L. Sparks, born in 1839; (e) Katherine Sparks born in 1841; (f) Sarah E. Sparks; (g) Milton G. Sparks born in 1845; (h) Emilene F. Sparks born in 1847; (i) Hiram F. Sparks born in 1848.

7. Stephen Sparks was born in 1813 and lived in Missouri. He was prominent farmer and politician. He also lived in Kansas.

8. Mathew Sparks was born about 1815 and died young.

9. Joseph Sparks was born about 1819.

10. Hiram Sparks was born 10-21-1821 and married Elizabeth Stoops in 2-17-1842. She was the daughter of John and Eady Stoops of Brookville, Indiana, and a granddaughter of David Stoops, a pioneer of Franklin County, Indiana. Hiram and Elizabeth Sparks spent their entire life as residents of Fayette County, Indiana, except for the 15 years they lived in Kansas. They were both members of the Baptist Church.
and were Republicans. Living with them in 1850, according to the Census record, were Hester A. Woods, age 13, and William Sparks, age 78. Hiram gave as his age at that time 27 years and his wife's age as 26.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

PALMER

Joshua Palmer (Generation I) (1747-1835)

Joshua Palmer was born in England in 1747. (Some authorities give his birth as 3-12-1750, Amelia County, Virginia). The Pension Record Case S 21-912 of the Revolutionary War was dated 3-4-1831, and states his age as 84, District of Union of South Carolina. This would make the date of his birth as 1747. Yet in his own request for a Pension he gave the following information which would establish his birth as 1750—Birth March 12, 1750, Amelia County, Virginia. Enlisted in October of 1775 and served 4 months as a private in Captain Brandon's Company, Colonel John Thomas' South Carolina Regiment; Enlisted May, 1776 and served 5 months as Private in Captain Jolly's Company, Colonel John Thomas' South Carolina Regiment; entered the service in March, 1779 and served 5 months as Captain in Colonel W. Wafford's and Brandon's South Carolina Regiments and was in the battle of Stono; entered service in February of 1780 and served 3 months as Captain in Colonel Purvis' South Carolina Regiment; Acted as Adjutant to Colonel Brandon's Regiment at the Battle of Cowpens was often out scouting and served 9 months in all to close of War.'

His Pension was allowed on Certificate No. 17422, which was issued August 7, 1833, at the rate of $280.00 per Annum, act of June 7, 1832, South Carolina Agency. He died in Union District, South Carolina, in December of 1835. His son, Parmenas, was living in this district in 1856.

Hiram Sparks, a grandson of Joshua Palmer, wrote and published this story: "The father of Mary Palmer Sparks (wife of William Sparks) was Joshua Palmer. He and the Rev. Miner Thomas were among the early pioneer Baptist preachers of this part (Union and Fayette Counties, Indiana). Joshua Palmer, native of England, served on an English ship at sea for 3 years and then came to the United States when a very young man. He located in South Carolina and married and entered on his career as a Baptist Minister. He had two sons, Joshua and William Palmer, besides his daughter, Mary, who became Mrs. Sparks.

It appears that when Joshua Palmer decided to emigrate north with his family, he had appointments to preach at various places and felt that he must fill those engagements. It
was, therefore determined that the mother and children should come north in advance of the father, who would follow later. So the family after making due preparations, started on their long journey. When passing through the state of Kentucky, the mother became seriously ill and they camped at a place known as Crab Orchard. In this vicinity they found a hut of a settler and decided to remove their mother to it. On entering the hut, however, they found it unfit for such a purpose and returned to their wagon, and there the children had the sad experience of witnessing their mother die. Tenderly they laid her to rest and carefully marked the spot, and sadly the children continued their journey to Indiana. Later the father came north and sought and found the lone grave in Kentucky. He tarried there for awhile and collected the scattered settlers and preached to them the gospel of eternal life beyond the grave. These events proved to be the awakening influence that resulted in the organization of a Baptist Society at Crab Orchard and finally the erection of a Church at that place. Rev. Joshua Palmer settled in Union County, Indiana, where he spent nearly all the rest of his life, and engaged in the ministry. After taking up his residence in Indiana he often returned to Crab Orchard and preached to the people, and his visits were warmly welcomed.”

Quoting from the South Carolina Baptists, 1670-1805, by Lech Towseng, “Joshua Palmer emigrated from England settling first on the lower fork of Lynches Creek region, appearing in Charleston Association by 1785. He obtained surveys of 150, 100, 133 acres on or near Lynches Creek; he was living in the Cheaw District without slaves in 1790. After serving as minister of Lower Lynches Creek and as active delegate to the Charleston Association of Upper Duncan Creek in 1793-1808, he left with a large number of his congregation for Indiana and was pastor of Dry Fork Church Whitewater Association in 1812”. This article speaks of his “great eloquence and how he was a zealous person in performing all association duties and functions and helping neighboring churches.”

The Sparkses, McCrays and Palmers lived in and around the same vicinities and came to Indiana at the same period, so it is possible that all were a part of the ‘congregation’ that came north when Joshua Palmer family left South Carolina. Another side light that is quite interesting is that these families lived on creeks and land that drained into the Great Pee Dee River of South Carolina. So it would seem that when they finally settled in Hancock County and found the little streamlet running through and near the McCray haunts of Warrington and Wilkinson, Indiana, they named PEEDEE, a name that it still carries.

From records and data gathered it would seem that some of
Joshua Palmer's brothers or near relatives might have been some of the following:

John Palmer, Sr., whose will was probated in Pike County, Indiana, 2-19-1839. His heirs were listed as his wife, Mary; Thomas Palmer; Joshua Palmer. The will was administered by John Palmer (possibly another son).

Pirmenas Palmer—land listed 5-4-1760 Tylers Quarterly Magazine Vol. 12, page 508. Also William and Mary College Quarterly, Vol. 98, page 273, Parmena Palmer born in Richmond County, Virginia, 5-27-1719. Will in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He was the son of Robert and Martha Palmer. He married Mary Ann Draper. (Note—this Parmena might have been Joshua (of 1747 Palmer's father).

Virginia County Records by Crosier, Vol. 7, page 64, “John Palmer will dated 9-16-1686—my wife is in England.”

In the History of Johnson County, Indiana “there were 18 new families moved into the settlement in 1820, Zachariah Sparks from Kentucky and Joshua Palmer from Ohio.”

**Generation II**

Some of Joshua and Mary Palmer's children were—

1. Parmenus Palmer, with whom Joshua, the father, was living at the time of his death in 1835, in Union District, South Carolina. Parmenus Palmer was still living in this District in 1856. This is probably the same Parmenus Palmer and wife, Sarah, listed in Daviess County, Indiana, when his heirs were listed as (married records as)—
   (a) Mark M. Palmer married Patsy Ragsdale 1-19-1825.
   (b) Catherine Palmer to Thomas McCaffety.
   (c) Susannah Palmer married John McCaffety 7-31-1817.
   (d) Charlotte married William Ellis 1-4-1826.
   (e) Winnie Palmer married John Peak 11-17-1830.
   (f) Elizabeth Palmer born 8-3-1802 and died 8-18-1876, married John F. Ragsdale and had one son, Dr. Mark Harrison Ragsdale.

2. Joshua Palmer, Jr., married Katherine Holland in (Franklin County, Indiana marriage records). His Will was probated in Daviess County, Indiana, July. 1827, Parmenus Palmer Admr. This will listed the children as
   (a) Mason Palmer (Note: born 6-16-1807 and died 11-28-1857.) He was married first to Rachel Horral on 3-8-1832 and had the following children: Joshua A. Palmer, who married Sarah, born 1833, died 1856, in Daviess County, Indiana; Mary Palmer; John S. Palmer; and Mason R. Palmer. The second marriage was to Mrs. Rebecca Baldwin in 5-2-1848, and they had the following children: Permeanus Allen Palmer; Clark Hamlin Palmer; William Ellis Palmer; George W. Palmer.
(b) Sarah Palmer
(c) Permeanus Palmer, who was the father of Mason Palmer; George Palmer, John Palmer; Allen Palmer.

5. Mary Palmer born 7-6-1779, and died 7-6-1848, married William Sparks about 1795. It was their daughter, Jane, Sparks, who married Moses McCray. (See McCray for details.)

There might have been other children but I find no proof. It is possible that the William Palmer who came to Tennessee in 1804 was a child of or close relative of Joshua Palmer (of 1747-1835). William was born in North Carolina in 1777, and of English extraction and married Sarah Rankins. They were the parents of 13 children, one of whom was John Palmer, the oldest who was born in 4-3-1804, in Tennessee and lived in Wilson County, Tennessee. (See History of Tennessee by Goodspeed, 1886, page 1111.)

CHAPTER FIFTEEN
STOOPS

Robert Stoops (Generation I) (1744-1779)

Robert Stoops, born in 1744 and died in 1797, was a Revolutionary War soldier serving in the Continental Line, Pennsylvania Militia as a Private and a Sergeant. He married first in 1765, Elizabeth Speaks, and by this marriage had 3 children—

1. David Stoops born in 10-20-1770 and died 3-24-1854. In 1775 he married Abagail Williams, born 9-25-1779 and died 8-16-1822. They had at least two children, (a) John Stoops, who married Eady Martin, and their daughter, Elizabeth Stoops married Hiram Sparks. (See Sparks History) (a) Robert Stoops born 11-13-1799 and died 8-5-1875. He married Catherine Carter in 1821. She was born 2-11-1806 and died in 12-28-1848. One child of their's, Abigail Jane Stoops, born 11-19-1834 and died 1864 (or 1831-1867) married Stephen McCray, the 6th child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray. (See McCray History).

2. John Stoops.
2. Robert Stoops

In 1788, Robert Stoops (1744-1797) married the second time and married Rachael Milar and by this marriage had 4 more children:
4. Thomas Stoops.
5. Betsy Stoops.
7. James Stoops.
CHAPTER SIXTEEN
MCDANIEL

Henry McDaniel (Generation I)

I. Henry McDaniel was born November, 1763, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He was a Cooper by trade. In 1808 or 1810, he emigrated from Lewisburg, West Virginia, and settled in Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio, where he died September 28, 1838, and was buried on the W. L. Eakins farm two miles west of Cadmus, Ohio, near the McDaniel Cross Roads in a private Cemetery of the family. Only two or three markers remain. The D.A.R. erected a monument at the grave of Henry McDaniel.

Henry McDaniel married Hannah Bryan on May 15, 1788, in Greenbrier County, Virginia. They were married by John Alderson, Jr. She was born in 1770, probably in Greenbrier County, (now West Virginia) and died in 1841, and is buried beside her husband. (As an interesting side note to me, at least, is that my father carried his great grandmother’s maiden name down through the years—James Bryan McDaniel.

The children of Henry and Hannah Bryan McDaniel were:
2. Jehu McDaniel was born 5-28-1792 and died 8-1-1857. He was married twice. The first marriage was to Elizabeth Boggs, born 10-14-1813. A son, Sylvester McDaniel, had a son, Jehu II, whose daughter, Ethel McDaniel Clark, of Gallipolis, Ohio, was instrumental in getting a great deal of the Ohio McDaniel History. She was employed in Probate Court.

The second marriage of Jehu McDaniel I, was to Sarah White Richardson.
4. Icher McDaniel.
5. Bryan McDaniel was born in 1797, near Harrisburg, Virginia, and died in 1835, in McDaniel, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Prose 1-3-1819. She was born 4-7-1800, Rockingham, Virginia, on the banks of Greenbrier River (now West Virginia) and died on 2-3-1888, and is buried in Polk Township, Marshall County, Indiana. (I have a copy of their marriage license and have visited her grave.) Elizabeth Prose and her family’s first home in Madison County, Indiana, was located one mile west of Markleville, and one quarter mile north on what was later the Solon Walker farm. In 1949, one of the old apple trees still stood back in the field.

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The children of Bryan and Elizabeth Prose McDaniel were (Generation III):

1. Permelia McDaniel born in 1820, Gallia County, Ohio. She died on 4-3-1893, and is buried near her mother in Center Cemetery, Marshall County, Indiana. She was married twice, first to J. Wagnor. Their children were: Catherine, born in 1841; Kate; Belle; Margaret and Jehu Wagnor. Jehu was killed in the Civil War, and his mother received a pension from his service. The second marriage of Permelia McDaniel Wagnor was to John Surber. He was born in 1782 in Virginia. Some records show that they lived separate. Their children were Susan; Joseph, born in 1850; and Margaret, born in 1853. Margaret was living with Permelia in 1860. John Suber had other children.

2. Bryan McDaniel II, was born 4-6-1822, in Gallia County, Ohio and died in Marshall County, Indiana, in 1-17-1896. He and his wife, Martha Williams, born 3-8-1825, died 3-9-1896, are buried in Center Cemetery. He was a farmer and Justice of Peace. He was a well respected citizen. His children were Alexander; Charles Levi, born 9-2-1871 and died 4-23-1893; Rebecca Ann married Mr. Meyers, and their son, Justin Meyers, of Plymouth, Indiana, gave me many records from the old McDaniel family Bible; James A.; and Rachel Meyers

3. Levi McDaniel was born August 28, 1823, Gallia County, Ohio, and came with his parents to Madison County in 1829. He was a charter member of Ovid, Indiana, Masonic Lodge. He was a farmer and stock Raiser. On March 15, 1895, he fell and broke his hip and died one hour later. He is buried in the McCal­lister Cemetery just a few rods from the homestead of his parents in Madison County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Shelton, a daughter of Thomas Shelton, in 1843. She was born in 1827. They were the parents of 14 children.
   (a) Elizabeth McDaniel.
   (b) Mary McDaniel born 1845, died 1870, and married Sol Creason.
   (c) Malinttha McDaniel born 1847, and married John Varner.
   (d) Cyrus McDaniel born 1849, married first to Ellen Brewer, and second to Amanda Jones.
   (e) Sarah Lucinda McDaniel born 1851, married Aaron Seward, born in 1857.
   (f) Preston McDaniel born 1853 and died 1873.
   (g) John R. McDaniel married Malinda Hammers.
(h) Luzina born 1857, married first Wilson Yonkers and second Aaron Davis.
(i) Paul McDaniel born 1859, died 1879.
(j) Morrison McDaniel born 1861, married Rebecca Eppard (Ebbert).
(k) Eletha McDaniel born 1863, married William Gray, son of Samuel Gray.
(l) Catherine McDaniel born 1865, died 1894, married Lincoln Huston.
(m) Calvin McDaniel listed by one Author as child of Levi McDaniel.
(n) George McDaniel listed by one Author as child of Levi McDaniel.
(4) Emily McDaniel born 1825, married 3-27-1866, Harrison A. Donels and moved to Kansas. She was buried at Cherryville, Kansas. She had a son, John Donels, who was born 7-14-1867. She also had some daughters. Emily was a seamstress before her marriage and lived with her mother in 1860.
(5) Jacob Alexander was born 3-4-1829, in Gallia County, Ohio, and died 12-22-1897. He married Martha McCray, 8th child of Moses and Jane Sparks McCray. She was born 8-28-1833, died 3-17-1915. He became a successful farmer and most respected citizen of Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana, one who was always ready to help the betterment of his community, in any way he could. (For further details see the McCray History.) They were the parents of 11 children, one of whom was my father, James Bryan McDaniel.
(6) Louisa McDaniel was born 1-4-1832 and died 10-10-1889. She married 10-29-1848, Charles Hardy Williams, born 11-30-1829. She died 6-3-1868. Both are buried in the Center Cemetery, Marshall County, Indiana. They were the parents of 8 children:
(a) Winfield Scott Williams, born 8-15-1849, and married Julia Berryman. They were the parents of Noah, Oscar, Pearl, Nellie, Merrel and Clara Williams.
(b) Rachel Williams married Samuel Cudney. They had a son, Cyril Cudney, born in 1900.
(c) Elizabeth C. (Lillie) Williams born 11-17-1856, married J. M. Schroder. Their children were Francis Marion, Remus, Justice, Edith, Laura, Grace, Orlo, Hazel, Florence Schroder.
(d) Mary Williams born 3-31-1866, and lives near Teegarden, Indiana. She spends most of her winters in Florida. Her first marriage was to a Mr. Waterhouse. Their children were Lilly and Floyd Water-
house. She married Hayes Mann for her second husband.

(e) Francis Marion Williams lived near Markleville, Indiana, Madison County, and married a Miss Reger.

(f) Butler Williams.

(g) Webster Williams died 7-4-1890.

(h) John Williams.

In 1860 Jehu, age 21, lived with Elizabeth Prose. (This might have been Jehu, the grandson who was killed in the Civil War. He was a son of Permelia).


7. Alexander McDaniel was born 1801 or 1803 and married a Shumate.


9. Ephriam McDaniel was born 3-2-1806 and died 1-8-1885. He was the first white child to be born in Walnut Township, Gallia County, Ohio. He married 6-4-1827, Elizabeth Shumate, born 5-12-1813 and died 7-20-1891. He was the father of 14 children.

   (1) Henry McDaniel.
   (2) Ursula McDaniel.
   (4) Perry McDaniel.
   (5) Minerva McDaniel.
   (6) Marion M. McDaniel.
   (7) Francis McDaniel.
   (8) John McDaniel.
   (9) Margaret McDaniel.
   (10) Benjamin McDaniel.
   (11) Sarah McDaniel.
   (12) Wesley McDaniel.
   (13) Diana McDaniel.
   (14) Hiram McDaniel.

The above Francis married Miss Cynthia Powell and they were the parents of John Wesley and R. Ephriam, Charles, Simeon, Perry and Ida McDaniel. Ida M., married a Sherman. R. Ephriam was born 4-2-1863, in Gallia County, Ohio, and died 9-28-1939. He moved to Schuyler County, Missouri, in 1885, and married Mildred A. Lasley, 11-28-1886. They had 8 children and 10 grandchildren—a son and 2 daughters are deceased. William Alexander McDaniel, a son, Colorado Springs, Colorado, gave this information to the Reverend Franklin Alexander McDaniel (of the McCray line through the 10th child of Jacob A. and Martha McCray McDaniel). Other children of R. Ephriam McDaniel are A. V. McDaniel; B. H. McDaniel; Mrs. W. H. Lackey and Mrs. G. D. Roberts.


11. Benjamin McDaniel married Mary Suinite, first, and second, Cynthia Irene Patterson.

Revolutionary Record of Henry McDaniel—
Henry McDaniel enlisted in the Revolutionary War in the Spring of 1779, as a Private from Bedford County, Pennsylvania. He served in Captain Thomas Arthur's Company, Regiment of Col. Lynch of Virginia. He was wounded in the Battle of King's Mountain. He was discharged at Camden in 1781. He also fought in the Battle of Stony Point. He then came to Ohio in 1810, from Lewisburg, West Virginia, and received his Pension in 1832. His allowance was $100.00 annually.

McDaniel Notes

James W. McDaniel was brother of Henry McDaniel and was born 12-26-1755, Halifax County, Virginia, and died in 1847, age 98 years and 8 months, and was buried in East Oak Hill Cemetery, Ohio. He married Rebecca Lewis in 1789. Their children were Enoch; Levi, a Baptist minister for 20 years and died November, 1879. He was the father of 13 children. James W. McDaniel was a Revolutionary Soldier, serving as a body guard for General Washington.

John McDaniel (a son of Henry) and Daniel Prose (a brother of Elizabeth Prose) were Administrators of the estate of Bryan McDaniel.

Daniel Prose was born in 1818, Gallia County, Ohio, and died enroute to California in 1849. He was buried in Independence, Missouri. His home was in Sullivan County, Indiana. He married Mary Waddell of Gallia County, Ohio, She died at the age of 83 in 1900. They had 9 children: one was Jacob Alexander Prose, born 5-27-1839, in Gallia County, Ohio; another was Emeline, who married Isaac Wickline of Pike County, Ohio; another son was Charles Prose (deceased). After Daniel Prose's death in 1849, his wife married again. Her second marriage was to David Wickline.

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NOTES

These notes were found as I looked through different McCray references. I am enclosing them for what they may be worth to you.

Grass-Fort Notes—

Benjamin Fort, father of Mark Fort, who married Polly Grass, and Mary Fort, who married John Grass, is buried in the Old Six Mile Cemetery, six miles north of Charlottesville, Indiana, on the Wilkinson Pike. Benjamin Frank Grass, born 1855, was a son of John Grass.
Royster—

Jane Kelly Royster died August 9, 1887, age 67 years, Mt. Jackson Cemetery.
Archbald M. Kelly died 3-1849, age 34 years, 2 days, Mt. Jackson Cemetery.

McCray—

Simeon McCray died Sept. 9, 1875, age 18 years, 6 months and 28 days.
Margaret M., wife of Decatur Woods, died 2-22-1853, age 16 years and 10 months.
William S. Sparks born 10-1-1796, died 2-9-1853.
Sarah Sparks born 3-5-1836, died 1-13-1854.
Sarah J. Sparks born 3-26-1842, died 1-14-1900.
H. T. Sparks born 11-28-1884, died 1-30-1894.
These are all buried among the McCrays in Mt. Jackson Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bible of Emmett McCray lists the death of Elizabeth Brown (Aunt Betsy) died Jan. 29, 1909, age 89 years, 11 months and 11 days. Also Mary M., the daughter of (Perry? Dunn?) born Dec. 11, 1841.

Harlan Notes—

“Samuel Harlan Sen., born 4-19-1772, in South Carolina, and died 4-18-1858, and his wife, Nancy, born 11-27-1778. Both are buried in the Village Creek Baptist Cemetery, Fayette County, Indiana. Their children were: Jane; Jacob; Stephen; Martin; George; Elizabeth; Aaron; Hiram; Amos; Samuel; Joseph; Enoch; Alfred; Mary A.; Joshua P., who married Elizabeth Brown. The 1850 Census gives Joseph as insane.”

John Harlan, born 6-9-1794, in South Carolina and his wife, Catherine, was born in 1784 in the same state.

Stephen Harlan born 6-1-1801, died 4-19-1877, and his wife, Mary Sparks, was born 2-6-1802 and died 11-23-1887. Both are buried in the Harlan Cemetery, Hancock County, Brown Township.

Mathew Harlan born 3-14-1803, died 11-11-1900, and his wife, Jemma, born 11-4-1810, died 8-20-1869. They are buried in the Village Creek Baptist Cemetery, Fayette County, Indiana.

George Harlan was born in 1805 in South Carolina and was a Clergyman. His wife, Sarah A., was born in Ohio in 1805. Their children listed in the 1850 Census were James, age 18; George M., age 16; Rodda, age 13.

Hiram Harlan born in South Carolina in 1810, and his wife, Mary, born in 1815, in Indiana. Their children listed in the 1850 Census were Mary J., age 16; Samuel, age 11; John, age 8; H. Lewis and Sarah E., ages 8 months.
Amos Harlan was born in 1812 in Indiana and his wife, Nancy, was born in 1812. Their children listed in the 1850 Census were Eliza, age 15; John, age 13; George, age 11; Sarepla, age 6; Cleata, age 4; Samuel, age 6 months.

Samuel Harlan, Jr., was born 9-18-1815 and died 4-27-1868, and his wife, Jemima Meranda, was born 2-25-1821 and died 4-27-1891. Both are buried in the Village Creek Cemetery in Fayette County, Indiana. Their children listed in the 1850 Census were Frances M., age 10; Thomas J., age 8; Susan M., age 6; Myra E., age 3; Marcus, age 4 months; Mary J. Milner, age 15, was living in their household.

Enoch Harlan was born in Indiana 6-20-1819 and died 2-28-1851, and his wife, Mary A., of Pennsylvania was born 10-7-1812. Both are buried in the Village Creek Cemetery. Their children listed in the 1850 Census were Harrison, age 8; Judith, age 3; Monroe, age 1; Judith Honeywell, born in 1781, in New York, lived with them.

Joseph Harlan was born in Indiana in 1826 and his wife, Mary E., was born in 1834, in Indiana.

James M. Harlan was born in Indiana 2-17-1832, died 5-17-1862, and his wife, Sarah, was born 2-1-1832, died 8-22-1898. They are buried in Village Creek Cemetery.


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