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THE McCoy FAMILY

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FOREWORD

This is the first published record of the descendants of James McCoy, who came to America from the north of Ireland about 1735. It is based upon an outline of the family which William H. McCoy dictated to his niece, Minnie Brown Bruner of Franklin, Indiana, when he was nearly eighty years of age. His lifelong interest in family history, combined with his wide personal acquaintance with members of the family, made it possible for him to give facts about the descendants of the first James McCoy through seven generations. After his death, his daughter, Emma McCoy Hillis of Wichita, Kansas, made a copy of the notes for her own information. It is due to her generosity that the record is now made public. The editor is sincerely grateful for her assistance.

Mr. McCoy’s original notes gave comparatively few dates. From her own knowledge of the family Mrs. Hillis has added a few, as well as a little information about the changes that have taken place since her father’s death. Data contained in a letter which Mr. McCoy wrote to one of his grandchildren in 1915 has also been included. The aim has been to present these genealogical notes substantially as they were left by Mr. McCoy.

A more comprehensive genealogy of this family is now being compiled by the editor. To help make it complete and accurate she will welcome additions to the present account. Please address:

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The family was founded by James McCoy, a Scotch-Irish lad, who came from the north of Ireland.

First Generation

1. JAMES. About 1735, at the age of 16, he ran away from his uncle, James McCoy, to whom he was bound. Came to America, to Pennsylvania. Later lived with Capt. Hyte in Kentucky or Tennessee. Returned to Pennsylvania, married Miss Bruce. Lived at Brown's Fort, now Brownsville, Fayette Co., Pa.

   2. John.
   + 3. William.
   + 4. Isaac.
   5. Sarah ("Sally").
   6. Annie.
   Others.

Second Generation

2. William. Baptist minister. Married Elizabeth Royce (or Rice) whose sister was the wife of Col. Gaddis. Lived

   =Born Jan. 13, 1758, married Samuel Sutton Fe. 9, 1774. She died Ag. 3, 1822.
   2Married David Askran.
   3Namely:
   7. James, born in 1752. Said to have been a member of Crawford's Sandusky Expedition.
in Fayette Co., Pa. Moved to Kentucky about 1785 or 1790. A son1 was the first person born at the place now known as Cincinnati, O. Settled near what is now Louisville, Ky. In 1810 or 1811 moved to Indiana, settled at the place now known as the McCoy homestead. Built the log house. Moved to Charlestown, Ind. Died there Sp. 1, 1813, aged 59. Buried in Silver Creek Cemetery.

+ 1. JAMES.
+ 2. JOHN.
+ 3. ISAAC.
+ 4. RICE.
+ 5. SARAH.
+ 6. LYDIA.

3. ISAAC married Lydia, daughter of Col. Gaddis. This branch unknown to us for 70 or 75 years. Isaac died in Pennsylvania. His spirit is said to have appeared to his son James, telling him to visit his Uncle William in Kentucky. James went, but no one ever knew what transpired.

+ 2. THOMAS.
  3. JOHN died.
  4. LYDIA died.

Third Generation

Children of William McCoy, son of James:

4. JAMES. Baptist minister known throughout southern Indiana. Came to Indiana from Kentucky in 1800. Baptized and joined Silver Creek Baptist Church in 1801. He was clerk of that church for the following 16 years as well as one of the organizers of the Indiana Baptist State Convention. He died of cholera in 1833, near Salem, Ind. Buried in Salem Cemetery.

+ 1. JOHN RICE.
  2. DAUGHTER, married Mr. Thompson.

Others.

1RICE, born Je. 10, 1789. — EDITOR.
5. JOHN, born in 1782, died in 1859, aged 78. Married Jane Collins who died in 1835, aged 57. They went from Kentucky to Indiana in 1802. He was a member of the committee in charge of building the church house at Silver Creek. He also built the two-story brick house on the McCoy homestead in Clark Co., Ind., in 1826. He was a prominent Baptist. One of the founders of Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

+ 1. Lydia.
+ 2. Lewis.
+ 3. Spencer Collins.
+ 4. Isaac.
+ 5. Thirza.
   6. Mahala died, aged 11.
   7. Eliza, missionary to the American Indians for nine years.¹
+ 8. William.
+ 9. George.
+ 10. John C.

6. Isaac. Missionary to the American Indians from 1817 to 1846. Licensed to preach from Silver Creek Baptist Church. Married Kittie Polk, a relative of President Polk. Died in 1846 at Louisville, Ky., where he is buried.²

+ 1. John Calvin.
  2. Josephus died in early manhood.
  4. Isaac.
  Others.

7. RICE (or ROYCE). A Baptist minister, also a wheelwright. Married Miss Pound.³

¹See McCormick, Calvin. *Memoir of Miss Eliza McCoy*. Dallas, McCormick, 1892.
1. William.
3. Daughter, married Mr. Sallee.
Others.

8. SARAH ("Sallie") married Jeremiah Payne.
   1. William.
   2. Lewis.
   3. Harvey.
   4. Priscilla married Mr. Leatherman, Salem, Ind.
   5. Daughter, married Mr. Garrison.
   Others.

9. LYDIA married Amos Little.
   + 1. Ozena.
   + 2. Hettie.

Child of Isaac McCoy, son of James:

10. THOMAS went to Ohio where he married Miss Smith. Moved to western part of Johnson Co., Ind., then to Terre Haute, Ind., where he died.
    Children (names unknown).

Fourth Generation

Child of James McCoy, son of William, son of James:

11. JOHN RICE. Baptist minister, Jackson Co., Ind.
    + 1. John B.
    + 2. Sarah Esther.
    Others.

Children of John McCoy, son of William, son of James:

12. LYDIA married (1) Mr. Coombs, (2) Thomas McCormick.
    Children of the first marriage:
    1. Basil died.
3. Mahala A. married Mr. Brown. She died at Sellersburg, Ind.
+ 4. John Calvin.
+ 5. Leander C.
+ 6. Joseph C.

   1. George Knight, army surgeon, died.
   + 3. Henrietta.
   + 4. Addison.

14. Spencer Collins married (1) Nancy Delilah McDaneld, (2) Mary Ann Clark. The second marriage took place My. 1, 1849. He died Ag. 26, 1872.

Children of the first marriage:
+ 1. William Henry Harrison.
+ 2. John Lewis.
+ 3. Spencer Houghton Cone.
+ 5. Isaac Taylor Hinton.

Children of the second marriage:
   6. Ellis Clark died, aged 22.
   + 8. Theodore.

15. Isaac. A teacher.
  2. Alfred married.

   1. Lewis died. Buried in Silver Creek Cemetery.
   + 2. Thirza Jane.
   + 4. James Harvey.
   5. William.
9. Emma died.
10. Lizzie died.
11. Luther married. He was a doctor, Crothersville, Ind.
    A good singer.
12. Calvin died.

17. William married Elizabeth Roe. He was a Baptist minister, Washington Co., Ind.
      No children.
+ 3. Caroline.
+ 6. George R.

  1. Lizzie died.
+ 2. L. Pitt.
+ 3. Lewis.
+ 4. Alice.

19. John C. married Cora McDermott. He was a colonel, Dallas, Tex.
  1. Child, died in infancy.

Child of Isaac McCoy, son of William, son of James:

20. John Calvin married (1) —— , (2) Bettie ——. He was a trader. Died at Kansas City, Mo.
    Children of the first marriage:
+ 1. Nellie.
+ 2. Juliette.
  3. Jennie married Mr. Grimes.
  4. Spencer Cone died.

'Virginia Chick. — Editor.
Children of the second marriage:
5. John C. died.
6. Woodson.
7. Eva.
8. Mattie lived in Kansas City, Mo.

Children of Lydia McCoy Little, daughter of William McCoy, son of James:
21. Ozena married (1) Isaac Shaw, (2) Mr. Denny.
Child of the first marriage:
1. Lizzie.

22. Hettie ("Aunt Puss") married Mr. Stanford, Borden, Ind.
Children (names unknown).

Fifth Generation

Children of John R. McCoy, son of James, son of William, son of James:
   1. Agnes, married.
   2. Katherine.
   Others.

Children (names unknown).

Child of Lydia McCoy Coombs, daughter of John McCoy, son of William, son of James:
25. Nancy Jane married Dr. Taggart.
   1. Lydia Ann died.
   2. Emma died.
   3. Florence died.

Children of Lydia McCoy Coombs McCormick, daughter of John McCoy, son of William, son of James:
26. John Calvin married Mary Taggart.
   1. Daughter.
   2. Daughter.
27. LEANDER C. married Kate Gwin.
   1. STELLA married.
   2. ROBERT married. Professor at Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind.
   3. CARRIE married Mr. Hostetter, Sellersburg, Ind. Died after 1920.
   4. MATTIE.
   5. THOMAS.
   6. GUS.

28. JOSEPH C. married Sarah Katherine Bottorff.
   1. JESSIE married Mr. McGruder. Residence, Cairo, Ill.

Children of Lewis McCoy, son of John, son of William, son of James:

29. JOHN MILTON married (1) Laura Henderson, (2) May ——, (3) Alice ——.
    Children of the third marriage:
    1. JOHN. Residence, Dallas, Tex.
    2. ALICE. Residence, Dallas, Tex.

30. HENRIETTA married William Taggart.
    1. LAURA.
    2. CORA.
    3. GEORGE.
    4. JOHN.

31. ADDISON married Lizzie McClain, Dallas, Tex.
    Children (names unknown).

Children of S. C. McCoy, son of John, son of William, son of James:

32. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON\(^1\) married Elizabeth Amanda Potter.

\(^1\)He was born in Clark Co., Ind., Ap. 26, 1837, married near Greensburg, Ind., My. 26, 1863 and died De. 25, 1918 at South Cle Elum, Wash. A.B., A.M., Franklin College 1861. His customary signature was "William H. McCoy," or
1. Charles Spencer.
2. George Potter.
4. John William died Sp. 26, 1889, aged 7 years, 7 months. He is buried at Lewiston, Idaho.

33. John Lewis married Mary Jenkins.
   1. Julia married.
   2. Albert died.
   3. Lucy died.

34. Spencer Houghton Cone married Cornelia ("Nellie") Rogers. After his death she married Mr. McMullen and had one child, Nora.
   1. Walter.
   2. Cora died.

   1. Minnie.
   2. Ida died.

36. Isaac Taylor Hinton married Emma Chase.
   1. Olive.
   2. Eva, unmarried. Missionary to the Italians, New York City.

37. Theodore married Annie Graves.
   1. Cattie.
   2. Will.
   3. Oren.
   4. Philo.

"W. H. McCoy." He was a teacher, merchant and farmer from 1861 to 1893. From 1893 to 1915 he was Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Franklin College. Author of History of the McCoy Family (1876), History of the Oldest Baptist Church in Indiana (1880), and compiler of the present genealogical notes. Deacon of the Baptist church. His wife was born near Greensburg, Ind., No. 20, 1841, and died No. 22, 1919, in Wichita, Kans. — Editor.
Child of Isaac McCoy, son of John, son of William, son of James:

38. CELINDA JANE married Dr. Pease.
   Two children (names unknown).

Children of Thirza McCoy McCormick, daughter of John McCoy, son of William, son of James:

39. THIRZA JANE married Frank Christian, Mattoon, Ill.
   1. ANNIE married Fred Hills.
   2. CORA died.
   3. THIRZA died.
   4. LINNIE married.

40. ELIZA ANN married.
   Children (names unknown).

41. JAMES HARVEY married.
   + 1. NEWELL.

42. JOHN BUNYAN married.
   Children (names unknown).

Children of William McCoy, son of John, son of William, son of James:

43. ANN JANE HASSELTINE ("Sibbie") married James Huston.
   1. LIZZIE died.
   2. CARRIE died.
   3. WILL died.
   4. IRA married.
   5. ARTHUR.
   6. JOHN married.
   7. CLARENCE died.

44. GEORGE R. married Emma ——.
   + 1. MAYSSEL.
   2. ALBERTA.
   Others.

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Children of George McCoy, son of John, son of William, son of James:

45. L. PITTS married. Evansville, Ind.
   Children (names unknown).

46. LEWIS married.
   Children (names unknown).

47. ALICE married (1) Mr. Rope, (2) Mr. Smith.
   Children (names unknown).

Children of J. C. McCoy, son of Isaac, son of William, son of James:

48. NELLIE married Mr. Harris.
   Children (names unknown).

49. JULIETTE married Mr. Bass.
   Children (names unknown).

50. EVA married Mr. Holloway.
   Children (names unknown).

Child of Ozena Little Shaw, daughter of Lydia McCoy Little, daughter of William, son of James:

51. LIZZIE married (1) Mr. Borden, (2) Mr. Dunn. Adopted child:
   1. LILLIE LITTLE married Ora Means. She died about 1906.

_Sixth Generation_

Children of W. H. H. McCoy, son of S. C., son of John, son of William, son of James:

52. CHARLES SPENCER married Mary Ellis Pond. He became a member of Silver Creek Baptist Church in 1880.
   + 1. MARY ELIZABETH.

53. GEORGE POTTER married Mary Ann Cannavan, My. 27, 1888.
   1. CHARLES WILIAM died.
   + 2. JAMES RUSSELL.
3. **George Nathaniel.**

4. **John Cody.**

5. **Mary Elizabeth.** Residence, Wichita, Kans.

6. **Minnie Katherine** married August Ripke, Je. 1923.
   No children.

7. **Jennie Anna** died.

Child of S. H. C. McCoy, son of S. C., son of John, son of William, son of James:

54. **WALTER** married Sue Richards, Knoxville, Tenn.
    Died.
    1. **James.**
    2. **Lewis.**
    3. **Daughter.**

Child of Sarah Jane McCoy Brown, daughter of S. C. McCoy, son of John, son of William, son of James:

55. **Minnie C.** married J. D. Bruner.
    1. **Lena Celestus** married W. F. Sonderhausen.

Child of I. T. H. McCoy, son of S. C., son of John, son of William, son of James:

56. **Olive** married Logan Mull.
    1. **Wallace.**
    2. **Hazel.**
    3. **Marvin,** died in infancy.
    4. **Herman.**
    5. **Mildred Emma.**

Child of J. H. McCormick, son of Thirza McCoy McCormick, daughter of John McCoy, son of William, son of James:

57. **Newell** married.
    Children (names unknown).

Child of G. R. McCoy, son of William, son of John, son of William, son of James:

58. **Maysel** married Mr. Davis.
    1. **Gertrude.**
    2. **Baby.**
Seventh Generation

Child of C. S. McCoy, son of W. H. H., son of S. C., son of John, son of William, son of James:

59. MARY ELIZABETH married Sumner Hayward, Oc. 1, 1924.

1. Sumner Pond, born Ag. 17, 1928.
2. Priscilla, born Fe. 18, 1931.

Child of G. P. McCoy, son of W. H. H., son of S. C., son of John, son of William, son of James:

60. JAMES RUSSELL married Nellie Farmer, Ja. 21, 1919.

1. James Lester, born My. 15, 1925.
2. Earl Jack.
3. Inez Nellie.
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