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David (1762 – 1828) McConaughy & Elizabeth Glissen and / or Hopkins (? – 1828)

The "second" David McConaughy is the son of the David that starts this line.

Biography of the David McConaughy Family and his Descendents by Mark A. McConaughy December, 2001

David McConaughy was born in County Antrim, Northern Ireland sometime around 1762. His lineage supposedly is part of the Roberston Clan. David grew up in Northern Ireland and married a Miss Glissen (*Beers 1893:642*) or Elizabeth Hopkins (*according to Welch 1904, The Ancestry and Kin of the Cowden and Welch Families, as cited by Bisbee 1987*). Her first name was Elizabeth, based on her tombstone inscription in the Hickory Cemetery that was examined by the author. The discrepancy may be due to David having more than one wife or to a mistake in last name by one of the cited references. David McConaughy's father apparently was named Alexander McConaughy according to Crumrine (*1882:856*). However, this needs to be confirmed from other records since other inaccuracies in Crumrine's history have been noted. Conversely, Alexander does appear to be an important family name and one that might be expected for David's father.

David McConaughy and Elizabeth's first son was named John. He was born in 1792 and the 1850 census from Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania indicates he was born in Northern Ireland (*Bisbee 1987*). *Beers (1893:642)* indicated David McConaughy and his wife (*Glissen version*) first settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania before moving to Washington County in 1804. A check of tax records by the author found a David McConaghy (*spelled this way in the tax records*) listed as living in Chester County in 1793 where he is listed as an inmate (*i.e., renter*). Thus, it appears that David McConaughy, his wife and family immigrated to the United States around 1793 since his first son was born in Northern Ireland in 1792. Chester County tax records from 1800 and 1801 indicated David worked as a saddler for those two years. He apparently was successful because he was listed as a Freeman in West Chester Township of Chester County with \$70 of taxable wealth in 1800. In 1801, David was listed on the West Caln Township tax list as a Freeman with one horse and \$120 of taxable wealth.

David McConaughy moved his family to Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1804, crossing the Allegheny Mountains in covered wagons. They settled on a virgin farm of 180 acres that was part of the George Washington Tract. According to Washington County deed records examined by the author, David McConaghey (*spelled that way in the records*) bought 180 acres of land along Millers Run in Mount Pleasant Township from John and Hannah Johnson for \$945. The deed was dated 10 September 1817 and was recorded on 26 December 1817 in Washington County Deeds Volume 2, Book B, page 456. However, the family apparently lived on the farmland from the time of their arrival in 1804.

According to *Beers (1892:642)*, David McConaughy worked as a mason and built a stone house on the farm in 1812. He continued to work thereafter as a mason. *White (1981:105, Plate 3)* provided a photograph of this building taken some time in the early half of the 20th century when it was still standing. The photo caption listed the house as being built by Matthew McConaughy in 1812, who was a grandson of David. However, Matthew was not born until 1834 and the caption is erroneous. *White (1981:34)* noted that only a wall of the structure remained standing when he published his work. The wall was incorporated into a shed standing on the David Sprowls farm.

David McConaughy supported the Whig parting in politics. He was a member of the first Seceder Church in Hickory, Washington County, Pennsylvania. David McConaughy (*spelling on the tombstone*) died on 30 January 1828 and was buried in Hickory Cemetery. Elizabeth Glissen/Hopkins died on 5 March 1828 and was buried alongside of David. Both graves were marked with slate tombstones typical of the period and these were still readable in 1986 when the author examined them.



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David McConaughy and Elizabeth Glissen/Hopkins had five children, two born in Northern Ireland and three in the United States. The children were named, Esther, John, David, Elizabeth and Alexander.

The will of David McConaughy was proven or probated on 4 February 1828. It was examined in the Washington County Courthouse by the author. The will indicated that David was a resident of Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania and had a wife, Elizabeth, a daughter Elizabeth (*apparently Esther did not inherit any property since she married and did not need assistance*) and sons John, David and Alexander. The will specifies that if John sold his portion of the farm, it was to be sold to either David or Alexander. It names John and Alexander as executors of the will.

Esther McConaughy (1783-?) and John Frank lineage:

All the data about this line was collected by Richard Bisbee (1987), a direct descendent of this lineage. The following description is primarily based on his research and records.

Esther McConaughy apparently was the first-born child of David and Elizabeth McConaughy. She was born in Ireland around 1783 and moved to the United States with the rest of her family around 1793. Esther McConaughy married John Frank when she was 21 in either 1804 or 1805. They moved to Burgettstown, Pennsylvania shortly after they were married. They later moved to Wayne County, Ohio in 1822.

John Frank was the son of Baltzer Frank and Anna Maria (*Mary*) Hillibish or Hallowbush who came to the United States from Alsace. Esther and John Frank had five children; John, Joseph, Henry, Samuel and Mary Ann Frank.

Mary Ann Frank married Robert McConaughy, a son of Samuel McConaughy and Jennie Fulton of the Gettysburg line of McConaughy's who supposedly are members of the Campbell Clan. Mary Ann and Robert McConaughy had eight children; John Frank (*b. 27 March 1847*), Maria Jane (*b. 14 August 1849*), Esther (*b. 19 March 1852*), Samuel (*b. 5 March 1855*), Jenny (*b. 20 August 1857*), Stephen (*b. 1859*), Neil R. (*b. 15 May 1860*) and William (*b. 10 August 1864*).

John Frank McConaughy graduated from Oberland College, Ohio and became a Congregational minister. He married a woman whose first name was Helen. They moved to the state of Washington and had four children; Flora L. (*b. December 1886*), Marian (*b. May 1888*), Alfred (*b. June 1890*) and Emma (*b. October 1893*).

Maria Jane McConaughy married Myron Gilbert.

Esther McConaughy married Edgar Jones.

Neil R. McConaughy married a girl from Denmark whose first name was Lena. They moved to Loraine County, Ohio and had five children; Alvin (*b. February 1880*), Ralph (*b. August 1890*), Amelia (*b. March 1891*), Erwin (*b. March 1893*) and Jennie (*b. December 1895*).

As was previously stated, Richard Bisbee from Grand Rapids, Michigan, is a descendent of the Esther McConaughy and John Frank line. However, I do not have the genealogical data for this connection.

John McConaughy (1792-1852) and Nancy Little (1793-1821) and Nancy (Unknown lineage):

John McConaughy was the second offspring and first-born son of David McConaughy and Elizabeth



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Glissen/Hopkins. He was born in 1792 in Northern Ireland. John McConaughy married Nancy Little. According to Nancy's tombstone in Hickory Cemetery that was examined by the author, she died on 9 March 1821 at the age of 28. Thus, she was probably born in 1793.

Information that the author was able to obtain about John McConaughy was somewhat contradictory. However, John quickly sold his portion of the family farm in Mt. Pleasant to David and Alexander shortly after their father died. The deed of sale was recorded in Washington County Deed Book 2M, pg. 453 and indicated John sold the property to his brothers on 13 August 1829. The sale was approved by the register of deeds on 15 October 1829. The deed also stated that John and his wife Nancy sold the property to David and Alexander McConaughy. Since Nancy Little died in 1821, a long time prior to this sale, John must have married a second wife, also named Nancy. This second Nancy was listed as being 45 years old in the 1850 census (Bisbee 1987) and this would indicate she was born around 1805.

Crumrine (1882:856) indicated that John McConaughy bought a farm located south of the town of Hickory that was later owned by James White. John McConaughy and Nancy (*second Nancy*) had six surviving children living with them in the 1850 census (Bisbee 1987). The census listed David, age 19 (*thus, must have been born around 1831*); Martha, age 18 (*born around 1832*); John, age 16 (*b. December 1833 from other records*); Alexander, age 15 (*b. around 1835*); Elizabeth, age 12 (*born circa 1838*); and Mary A. (*probably Mary Ann*), age 9 (*born December 1841 from other records*). Both John and Mary Ann McConaughy were listed on the 1900 census (*? probably meant tax lists since the census data was not be available for 1900 when Bisbee did his study, and he later mentions tax lists*) from Muskingum County, Ohio (Bisbee 1987) and this census list provides the months and years of birth for these two individuals.

Crumrine (1882:856) stated that John McConaughy (*who had married Nancy Little and the second Nancy*) later moved to Ohio where he supposedly died. Bisbee (1987) believes Crumrine must have been referring to the son, John McConaughy, who did move to Ohio and was listed on the 1900 Muskingum tax lists. However, it is unlikely that Crumrine was referring to the son, John, since he was not dead at the time Crumrine published his book. The father, John, may well have been dead by that time and I think Crumrine was referring to the father.

To further complicate the situation, the father, John McConaughy, is buried in the Hickory Cemetery, Washington County, Pennsylvania next to his first wife, Nancy Little, and his parents David McConaughy and Elizabeth Glissen/Hopkins. John's tombstone indicated he died on 12 April 1852. The second Nancy is not buried in Hickory Cemetery. The second Nancy was either buried elsewhere or remarried and was buried with her second husband. It is possible John McConaughy moved out to Ohio with his son, died there, and was brought back to Pennsylvania for burial. In any case, I do not have any information about any living descendants of the John McConaughy and second Nancy line.

Alexander McConaughy (1798-1870) and Martha Murdock (1806-1897) lineage:

Alexander was the third son and fourth child born to David McConaughy and Elizabeth Glissen/Hopkins. Alexander was apparently born in 1798 when the family was residing in Chester County, Pennsylvania. However, there is some confusion over the date of birth. Alexander's tombstone indicated he was born in 1798 while Beers (1893:645) biography of his son Matthew, stated that Alexander was born in 1799. It is presumed herein that the date on the tombstone is correct. There also is an illustration of Alexander McConaughy in Beers (1893:643). Alexander is depicted as having a strong, square jaw, a full head of white hair and a white beard without a moustache.

Alexander McConaughy was destined to take over the family farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County. He inherited a portion of the farm, along with his two brothers, upon the death of his father, David McConaughy, in 1828. Brother John sold his portion of the farm to David and Alexander on 13 August 1829



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(Washington County Deed Book 2m, page 453). David McConaughy sold his portion of the farm to Alexander on 17 November 1840 (*Washington County Deed Book 22, page 177*).

Alexander McConaughy married Martha Murdock on 19 April 1832. Martha was the daughter of Matthew Murdock and Mary McElravy who were originally from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Alexander was a farmer and stock raiser. He was described as a supporter of the Whig Party and later, the Republican Party, in Washington County (*Beers 1893:645*).

Alexander McConaughy and Martha Murdock had seven children. David was born in 1832 and died on 13 June 1840. Matthew was born on 21 May 1834 and died in 1896. John was born in 1840 and died on 29 January 1857. Alexander was born in 1841 and died on 16 December 1848. There also were three daughters; Mary Ann, Elizabeth and Sarah Jane.

Dates of birth and death are not available for the daughters of Alexander McConaughy and Martha Murdock since they were not buried in the family plot at Hickory Cemetery. However, they did survive into adulthood. The will of Alexander McConaughy that was proven or probated on 25 April 1870 (*Washington County Will Book 9, Page 489*) left Mary Ann and Elizabeth each \$1300 and one horse and Sarah Jane was supposed to receive the same when she reached her 21st birthday. It is known that Elizabeth married a Robert T. McKibben on 15 October 1868 based on information in a letter sent by Sarah McConaughy to her cousin, Alexander McConaughy (*son of David McConaughy and Anna Sloan Cowden; see below*). McKibben was from Ohio and they apparently lived there after the marriage.

The responsibility of maintaining the family farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County fell on Matthew McConaughy. He inherited most of the farm from his father upon his death in 1870. A third of the farm was to remain in his mother's (*Martha*) possession until her death. Matthew worked the farm and took care of his mother until his death in 1896. Matthew never married or had any offspring. Martha Murdock McConaughy died the next year. I do not have any information about living descendants of this lineage.

Elizabeth McConaughy and Thomas McCarrell lineage:

A daughter, Elizabeth, was the fifth child born to David McConaughy and Elizabeth Glissen/Hopkins. Elizabeth became the second of three wives to Thomas McCarrell (*White 198:25; Beers 1893 as cited by Bisbee 1987*). Thomas McCarrell was the son of Lodowick and Martha McCarrell. Thomas and Elizabeth McConaughy McCarrell had four sons; David McConaughy McCarrell, Leman, Alexander D. and Lodowick (*Beers 1893 as cited by Bisbee 1987*).

David McConaughy McCarrell became a physician and remained in Hickory, Pennsylvania. He had a grandson, Dr. John K. McCarrell, who was alive in 1981 (*White 1981:25*).

Leman McCarrell married Ellen Donaldson, and they lived and farmed land in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. They had at least two sons who remained in Washington County; Andrew Donaldson McCarrell and Thomas Leman McCarrell (*White 1981:25*).

Alexander D. McCarrell moved to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He became the United Presbyterian minister at Stewart's Station (*Beers 1893 as cited by Bisbee 1987*).

Lodowick McCarrell became an attorney. He worked in the law office of Montgomery and Gibson in the city of Washington, Pennsylvania (*Beers 1893 as cited by Bisbee 1987*).



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David McConaughy (1793-1856) and Anna Sloan Cowden (1801? - 1865?) lineage:

David McConaughy was the second son and third offspring of David McConaughy and Elizabeth Glissen/Hopkins. He probably was born in 1793 based on interpolation from age and death dates on his tombstone. This suggests he was born soon after immigration from Northern Ireland in Chester County, Pennsylvania. However, birth in Northern Ireland immediately prior to immigration cannot be ruled out. His lineage is described out of order and last because the author is a direct descendent of this line, as are all subsequent McConaughy's described herein. David McConaughy married Anna Sloan Cowden (*also spelled Couden*).

Anna Sloan Cowden was born around 1801 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of John Cowden and Esther Struthers, one of the early farming families of Washington County, Pennsylvania.

David McConaughy and Anna Sloan Cowden remained in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania for a few years after the death of his father in 1828. David inherited a portion of the family farm and apparently worked it from 1828 until around 1835. David McConaughy and Anna Sloan Cowden moved to Highland Township, Ohio in 1836. David eventually sold his portion of the farm to his brother, Alexander, in 1840 (*see above*).

On 12 August 1841, David McConaughy bought 160 acres from Robert Shields for \$2000 (*the deed and the land are still in family possession*). This farm is in Adams Township, Muskingum County, Ohio and is located near the town of Bloomfield. David and Anna McConaughy attended Bloomfield United Presbyterian Church and are buried in its cemetery. Unfortunately, most of the family tombstones were made from marble that has badly eroded over the years because of acid rain, etc. Most of the dates of birth and death are badly eroded and could only be tentatively deciphered by the author when he examined them.

David McConaughy and Anna Sloan Cowden had six children; Esther, Elizabeth, David, Alexander, Margaret Jane and Mary Ann. This might not be the exact birth order, but it is the best that can be gleaned from tombstone and other data available.

Esther apparently was born while the family was still in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Her tombstone was the most legible of the children and indicated she was born in 1835. Esther married a Mr. Hammond and died without offspring in 1909. Both she and Mr. Hammond are buried in the McConaughy plot of the Bloomfield United Presbyterian Cemetery.

Elizabeth apparently was born in 1836. She never married and died on 1 November 1864.

David's date of birth is unreadable on his tombstone. However, a letter written to Anna by her niece, Cornelia Cowden (*currently in the possession of Mark A. McConaughy*) indicated that David was the oldest male child. It suggested David died of some type of illness in 1846 that also affected Elizabeth and Alexander. However, the latter two recovered. The eroded date of death on David's tombstone appeared to be 15 September 1846.

Margaret Jane apparently was born around 1845. It was originally believed this was her death date, but letters to Maggie McConaughy during the Civil War from Alexander (*currently in the possession of Mark A. McConaughy*) indicate she was alive during at least a portion of the Civil War (*last one referring to Maggie is dated Christmas, 1864*). Thus, she died sometime after 1864.

Mary Ann died at a young age. She was born around 1847(?) and died on 30 September 1853.



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Alexander was the second son born to David McConaughy and Anna Sloan Cowden. He also was probably their fourth child. Alexander was born on the family farm in Ohio on 28 October 1842. He joined the 78th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteers when he was 19 and fought for the Union throughout the Civil War. Alexander served at Vicksburg and later was part of Sherman's **"March to the Sea"** campaign. Alexander was wounded during the battle of Atlanta on 22 July 1864. After recovering from that wound, he marched up through the Carolinas to Washington, D.C. where he was mustered out of the Union Army.

Many, but not all (*they were numbered when sent by the individuals and some numbers are missing*), of the letters written by and to Alexander McConaughy during the Civil War were saved and passed down through the family. Mark A. McConaughy currently has them in his possession. The letters make for some fascinating reading because they describe the battles in which Alexander fought. However, he did have problems with receiving materials requested from the family during the war. The marching, etc., apparently took its toll on his footwear. It indicates little has changed in the Army over the years and the poor foot soldier must take care of his feet!

A tintype of Alexander in his private's uniform from the Civil War has also been passed down through the family. Another of his mother, Anna Sloan Cowden and two of sisters (*Elizabeth, Esther and Margaret are the possibilities, but they were not labelled by name*) have also survived. They are the earliest photographs of any McConaughy of this line. Alexander was a relatively tall (*circa 6 foot*), lanky boy with dark hair and a long, narrow face. His mother was apparently a thin and gaunt woman. However, this photograph was taken when she was in her 60's and it is badly faded. The later suggests it was kept out for viewing by Alexander where exposure to light caused it to fade. Similarly, the photograph of Alexander is faded and his mother probably had it out where she could see it.

After the Civil War, Alexander McConaughy married Martha Jane Atchison on 28 December 1871. He worked the family farm in Ohio, but did move to a house in New Concord, Ohio in 1894. Alexander McConaughy and Martha Jane Atchison had six children: Anna Mary, John Calvin, David Leamon (*Lee*), Tomas Mitchell, Dwight Auld and Harry Atchison. Alexander and Martha sent all their children, except Dwight Auld who died at an early age, to Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. Family tradition indicated that Alexander managed to pay for their college tuition by hauling stones that were used in construction of buildings at Muskingum College.

Alexander McConaughy died on 29 February 1926. He was buried in New Concord Cemetery in a grave marked with a Civil War veteran's tombstone. Martha Jane Atchison McConaughy died on 20 December 1935 and is believed to be buried in an unmarked grave near Alexander in New Concord Cemetery.

Anna Mary McConaughy was the first-born child of Alexander McConaughy and Martha Jane Atchison. Anna Mary was born on 22 August 1873. After graduation from Muskingum College, she became a Christian missionary in Egypt. She taught at the American Mission Girl's School in Zagazig, Egypt in at least 1905 and 1906. Photographs of Anna indicate she was a tall, thin, attractive woman. However, she never married. When Anna returned from Egypt, she was not in the best of health and remained an invalid the rest of her life. Anna died on 25 October 1940 and is believed to have been buried in an unmarked grave in New Concord Cemetery near her parents.

David Leamon McConaughy was born on 6 December 1876. He became a lawyer upon graduation from Muskingum College. He went by Lee and was called Uncle Lee by Mark A. and Kim B. McConaughy. Lee lived and worked in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania until his death on 23 February 1959. Lee was a typical tall, thin, brown-haired McConaughy. Lee never married and was buried in Hebron United Presbyterian Church



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Cemetery in Penn Hills Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Mitchell McConaughy was born on 25 December 1878. Tom took on the responsibility of caring for his father, Alexander, mother, Martha, and sister, Anna, and brother, Harry, when they became old or infirm. Tom worked as a handyman while caring for the family. The family farm was not maintained as a working farm after Alexander and Martha were too old to work it. Photographs of Tom indicate he was a husky man. Tom was reportedly exceptionally strong. One family story indicated he moved a large rock used to test the strength of Muskingum County men further than any other person. Tom never married and died on 20 January 1941. He is believed to be buried in an unmarked grave in the New Concord Cemetery near his mother and father.

Dwight Auld McConaughy was born on 15 October 1880 and died on 3 September 1881. It is believed he is also buried in an unmarked grave in New Concord Cemetery. However, it cannot be ruled out that he was buried in the Bloomfield family plot.

Harry Atchison McConaughy was born on 20 September 1884. He worked for the U.S. government during World War I somewhere on the east coast, possibly on the docks in New York City. J. Alexander McConaughy was not certain whether Harry was in the Armed Forces or worked for the government as a civilian. He thought Harry worked for the secret service section of the government looking for German spies, etc. Harry was an invalid after World War I and never married. Harry died on 14 January 1922. Harry probably is buried in an unmarked grave near the rest of the family in New Concord Cemetery.

John Calvin McConaughy was the second child and oldest son of Alexander McConaughy and Martha Jane Atchison. Upon graduation from Muskingum College circa 1900, he went to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and became a Presbyterian minister. John was minister at the Clairton Presbyterian Church near Pittsburgh and later became the minister of Hebron United Presbyterian Church in Penn Hills (*also near Pittsburgh*) around 1910. He remained as pastor of Hebron U.P. Church until his death from prostate cancer on 6 September 1942.

John Calvin McConaughy married Ruth Duff on 14 November 1916. Ruth taught elementary school for many years in the Penn Hills school system. Ruth died in an automobile accident on 17 May 1966. Both John and Ruth are buried at Hebron U.P. Cemetery.

John Calvin McConaughy and Ruth Duff had two children, John Alexander and David Lester.

John Alexander McConaughy and Ruth Ciancio lineage:

John Alexander McConaughy was the first-born child of John Calvin McConaughy and Ruth Duff. He was born on 4 October 1917 and prefers to use Alexander as his given name. His nickname of Eck is also used a lot. J. Alexander McConaughy attended the University of Pittsburgh during the 1930s. He became a metallurgist and worked for many years at the Irwin Works of United States Steel Corporation. He is now retired from U.S. Steel.

John Alexander McConaughy married Ruth Ciancio in 1945. Ruth Ciancio's mother was Mary Morasco, and her father was Lewis Ciancio. Mary Morasco worked in Pittsburgh with Italian immigrants as a Christian missionary and English teacher. Lewis Ciancio was a barber who abandoned the family. Ruth Ciancio McConaughy worked as a substitute teacher for the Penn Hills School District. J. Alexander McConaughy and Ruth Ciancio had two children, Mark Alexander and Kim Bonner. Ruth Ciancio McConaughy died in 1973 from breast cancer and is buried in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the Morasco family plot.



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J. Alexander McConaughy remarried on 4 July 1974 to Dorothy Krauss Kehlenbeck. They have no children between them, but Dorothy has a son, Mark Kehlenbeck and a daughter, Janis Kehlenbeck Hock from a previous marriage.

Mark Alexander McConaughy was the first-born son of J. Alexander McConaughy and Ruth Ciancio. He was born on 1 March 1950 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pittsburgh from 1968 to 1979 obtaining a B.A. in Anthropology in 1972, a M.A. in Anthropology in 1978 and Ph.D. in Anthropology in 1979. He is an archaeologist and has conducted field work in Peru, Jordan and several states in the Midwestern and Eastern United States. He worked for Carnegie Museum of Natural History in 1979, the Illinois State Museum from 1980 to 1986, the State Museum of Pennsylvania from 1986 to 1997 and the Bureau for Historic Preservation of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum from 1998 to present. He has never married.

Kim Bonner McConaughy was born on 12 September 1952. He first went to art school to become a commercial artist. However, an injury that occurred while he was working as a labourer at Homewood Cemetery while he was going to art school resulted in him changing his career. He subsequently attended Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania where he received a B.A. in Psychology. Kim moved to Minnesota where he obtained a M.A. in Psychology from Mankato State University. He works as a psychologist for the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Kim B. McConaughy married Michelle Teresa Holms on 30 January 1991. Kim formally adopted Michelle's daughter, Amber, from her previous marriage to David Fuller. Kim and Michelle divorced in 2000.

David Lester McConaughy and Joanna Wallace lineage:

David Lester McConaughy was the younger son of John Calvin McConaughy and Ruth Duff. David was born on 7 November 1921. He married Joanna Wallace on 23 October 1943. They lived in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania and later in Northeast, Pennsylvania. David Lester McConaughy and Joanna Wallace had four children; Barbara, Kyle, Gail and Jay.

David Lester McConaughy attended Muskingum College and became a physicist for Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Later he worked for Electric Materials Company in Northeast, Pennsylvania. However, during World War II, David joined the United States Air Corps where he learned to fly medium bombers. David never flew them in combat since the war ended before he could be shipped overseas. Nevertheless, flying became a very important part of David's life. He received a private pilot's license and flew private planes during the 1960s and 1970s. David Lester McConaughy died on April 6, 1983, in Northeast, Pennsylvania.

Joanna Wallace also attended Muskingum College where she met David. She taught mathematics in the Northeast School system. Joanna Wallace McConaughy died on July 8, 1999, in Northeast, Pennsylvania.

Barbara McConaughy was the first child of David Lester McConaughy and Joanna Wallace. She was born on 26 March 1949. Barbara obtained a B.A. in education from Muskingum College and a M.A. in education from the University of Pittsburgh. Barbara married David Carrier (*born 17 March 1948*) after they had both graduated from Muskingum College. Barbara and Richard have three children: Rosco, born on 3 June 1972, Joanna, born on 28 September 1973, and Colin David, born on 13 June 1982. Both Barbara and Richard are schoolteachers. Barbara specializes in working with exceptional children and Richard is an art teacher.

Kyle McConaughy was the second child of David Lester McConaughy and Joanna Wallace. He was born on 3 April 1952. Kyle went to Penn State University and now works for IBM. Kyle McConaughy married Eileen

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Gutman (*born 24 March 1952*) and they have three children; Kara, born 24 March 1980, Jill, born 13 June 1982, and Sarah, born 23 May 1985.

Gail McConaughy was the third child of David Lester McConaughy and Joanna Wallace. She was born on 10 May 1953. Gail is a computer expert specializing in computer imaging. Gail married Michael Stanley.

Jay McConaughy was the youngest child of David Lester McConaughy and Joanna Wallace. He was born on 8 June 1955. Jay works for General Electric Corporation in Northeast, Pennsylvania. He married Patricia Trianna and they have two children; Shawn, born 2 July 1980, and Lori, born 4 March 1985.