

*The
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Family*

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Scottish family names are difficult to trace since, as late as the 18th century, they changed with each generation. For example, Robert son of Thomas, who was therefore Robert Thomasson, or Thomson, had a son Thomas, who was called Thomas Robertson. Then too, previous to 1100 surnames had not been invented; only the given name and perhaps a descriptive nickname being used, such as “Black Thomas” from his black hair, as distinguished from his red-haired brother “Robert the Red”, or the uncommonly tall one, “Long William.”

It has sometimes been claimed that the Gaelic, or Celtic, prefix “Mac,” meaning “son,” signified descent from an heroic or famous ancestor. On the other hand, it was the custom of “the inhabitants of Scotland, both among the Celtic race in the Highlands and the Lowland races on the Border....for all to assume as their surname the name held by the head of the family, either because they were actually his descendants, or because they were his vassals and property.” (*Hanna, Chas. A. “The Scotch-Irish, Vol. 2, p. 417*)

The McConnaughey then, however they came by their name, and although they are known in the United States as Scotch-Irish, were of Celtic extraction, since the name bears the Celtic prefix “Mac.” Hanna says (*The Scotch-Irish, Vol. 2, pp 400 and 432*) that they are descended from the Campbells of Inverawe and first appeared on record at the end of the 13th century in Argyleshire and Edinburghshire. At about the same time the name of “Gilbert MacCoignache, Dumfriesshire,” appears on the Ragman Roll, Index Nominum A. D. 1296. This roll was a list of the Scottish baronage who swore fealty to Edward I, king of England, and was written in French by Edward’s Norman scribes, with the seals of such as had them, attached to the sheet by small strips of parchment. Some swore fealty at Berwick in 1291 (*Index Nominum A. D. 1291*) after Edward had captured the town, butchering the garrison and inhabitants, and had forced the capitulation of the Castle; but by far the greater number of signatures was obtained on the occasion of Edward’s progress through Scotland in 1296 (*Index Nominum A. D. 1296*). The nobles eagerly sought him for the privilege of doing homage, Edward for the time being too powerful to admit of any other course. Those who could not visit him in person sent messengers or letters. On this Roll of 1296 there seems to be a duplication, since not only “Gilbert MacCoignache, Dumfriesshire”, but “Gilbert Makenaght, Dumfriesshire” appears on it. Phonetically the two names are similar, and it seems possible that Gilbert McConnaughey of Dumfriesshire, in his haste to avoid a visitation by fire and sword from Edward’s army, sent both messenger and letter to His Majesty. Makenaght could be his, or his chaplain’s spelling, while MacCoignache may be the scribe’s attempt at spelling, the uncouth name given by the messenger.

There are other, scattered references to McConnaugheys in Highland genealogies, as that of the MacKintoshes, where there is this record: that in a Highland battle between the Camerons and the MacKintoshes which took place between 1336 and 1347, “there also perished Evander McConchy vic Gillivrary, nephew of William 7th Laird of MacKintosh, by his sister Isabella”. (*Macfarlane, Walter, Genealogical Collection Concerning the Families in Scotland. 1900. 2 Vol. V. 1, p. 172*)

From the Ms Genealogies of Martin of Clermont, who lived from 1635 to 1712, come the following:

“Robert Lesly, eldest son to Walter, second laird of Kinnivie, succeeded to his Father. He married Elizabeth Gordon daughter to _____ Gordon of Beldarnie. They lived long together and left the Estate in good Condition. His Lady bare him one Son John and two daughters. The eldest daughter married Duncan MacConachie of Dell...”. (*Macfarlane, Walter – Gen. Coll. Concerning the Families of Scotland, Vol. 2, p. 47*). The Leslies lived in Aberdeenshire, and the marriage of Duncan MacConachie took place about 1525.

In “The Genealogy of the most considerable Families descended by Males of the House of MacKenzie preceeding The Year 1667 collected by John MacKenzie of Aplecross” is the record of the marriage that took place about 1642 between Alister MacConchie vic Heachin and a daughter of Hector MacKenzie who had been previously married and widowed. (*Macfarlane – Gen. Coll., Vol. 1, p. 88*).

As late as 1939 Burke’s “Landed Gentry of Great Britain” lists the family “Maconochie-Wellwood of Kirknewton in Midlothian and Garrock in Fife”.

The name has been variously spelled. Among the early forms in use in Scotland are:

Mac Conach, and Mac Conachie (*Fairbairn’s Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britain and Ireland, 4th ed. 1905, Vol. 1, p. 359*)

Mac Onachie (*Families of Scotland, Hanna, C. A. – The Scotch-Irish. Vol. 2, p. 432*)

McConochie (*Reid, J. E. – History of the County of Rute, p. 241*)

Maconochie (*Conally. M. F. – Eminent Men of Fife. pp. 316-7*)

On tax and muster rolls and other ancient lists in Scotland and Ireland are to be found: M’Conochie, McConihes, McConoeighey, McConnehie, McConocky, and McConnaghy.

In this country the Pennsylvania tax assessor and census taker displayed unexpected ingenuity in his spelling:

McConahee, McConehee, McConohee, McConaha, McConaway, McConahy, McConaghey, McConalry, McConhoha, McConoughly, McConeaghy, McConeaughey, and Conaher, are the variations designating Robert, David, James, and John McConnaughey on the tax lists of West Nantmeal Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, from 1735 through 1781.

A marriage record in St. Michael’s and Zion Church, Philadelphia for Oct. 26, 1797, lists:

Archibald McConughey who married Susanna Rieb.

In Fannet and Teboyne Townships, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, David, James, and John McConnaughey are taxed under these: McCaunaghy, Conaghy,

McConahy, McConehey, McConalrey, McCaunahay; and they are in the 1790 U. S. Census for Fannet Township, Franklin Co., Pa., under McConche.

There is, of course, the possibility that poorly formed letters account for some interpretations found in published copies of these old papers. Thus a clumsy ‘h’ in McConahey might easily be mistaken for ‘lr’ and result in McConalrey. It is a family tradition that many attempts were made to shorten the name, and McConahy was used for a time; but eventually the long form, McConnaughey, came into general use. Variations in names has always been common. “The punctilio of orthography is of very modern date. Our grandfathers, and still more our grandmothers, used wonderful license, not only with their neighbors’ names, but with their own. In the 16th century when writing had become a common accomplishment, a man often spelt his own names six or seven different ways in a single letter.” (*Cosmo Innes – Concerning Some Scotch Surnames.*)

The McConnaughey coat-of-arms is a “demi-savage wreathed ppr., holding in the dexter hand a sheaf of arrows arg., and pointing with the sinister to an antique crown ppr. The motto is ‘Defend and spare not. Ard choille’, which means – ‘The woody hill’.” (*Fairbairn’s Book of Crests of the Families of Great Britian and Ireland. 4th ed. Rev. 2 Vol. Lond. Jack, 1805 [or 1905]. V. 1, p. 359*)

The McConnaugheys were among the thousands who left Scotland and settled in Northern Ireland when it was opened for settlement to the English and Scotch by James I of England. This Scottish emigration to Ireland lasted approximately 100 years, beginning about 1606 and ending before 1700. About 1632 Scottish emigration had become a flood. Hanna states (*The Scotch-Irish, vol. 1, p. 560*) ‘at this period high rents in Scotland were driving the people to Ulster at the rate of 4000 a year...The most exact account of the emigration to Ulster is contained in a book of travels to Scotland Ireland by Sir William Brereton, of Cheshire, England. He states that he came to Irvine, in Ayrshire on July 1, 1635, and was hospitably entertained by Mr. James Blair, and that his host informed him that ‘above 10,000 persons have within two years last past left this country wherein they lived, which was betwixt Aberdine and Enverness (Inverness) and are gone for Ireland; they have come by one hundred in company through this town, and three hundred have gone thence together, shipping for Ireland at one tide...One of them I met withal and discoursed with at large, who could give no good reason, but why they leave the country, but pretended the landlords increasing their rents; but their swarming in Ireland is so much taken notice of and disliked, as that the Deputy has sent out a warrant to stay the landing of these Scotch that came without a certification.” *Hanna, Chas. A. – Ohio Valley Genealogies, p. XVIII.*

We do not know the date our McConnaughey ancestors removed to Ulster, but family tradition preserved in the branch fathered in the U.S. by the Revolutionary soldier, James McConaughy, of Indiana Co., Pa., say that our emigrant ancestor “came from Derry”. It is uncertain whether they merely sailed from the town of Londonderry (which is unlikely), or (as is more probable) settled in county Derry upon arriving from Scotland. There were, however, other McConnaugheys in both county Donegal and county Antrim. The following is “From ‘A Muster Role of ye Province of Ulster’ made in 1630

(Additional MUS No. 4770 British Museum). The complete roll is virtually a census of the Scotch and English settlers residing in the counties of Ulster:

“The Muster of the Roll of the County of Donnagall
Barony de Rapho
The Lord Duke of Lynox undertaker of 4000 Acres
His men and Armes
With swords only.
(2 columns of names follow; the 19th name down in the 1st column is:)

John McConochy’

“The Hearth or Chimney Tax was imposed by Charles II in 1662, when it produced about 200,000 pounds a year. The following is a complete list of the inhabitants of Rapho Parish in 1665, having one or more hearths in their houses as recorded in the “Hearth Money Roll, County Donegal, 1665.
(Public Record Office, Dublin)

“ ‘Names of Persons in the Parish of Rapho who paid the hearth Tax in County Donegal, 1665. (Except where noted, these persons were each taxed for one hearth.)

“ ‘Donnel McConnaghy’ “
(*Penn. Magazine of History & Biography, Vol. 36, 1912. pp. 257, 270*)

In county Antrim as late as 1890 there were still approximately 716 McConnaugheys.
(*Hanna, The Scotch-Irish, V. 2, p. 524*)

At all events our branch of the family remained in Ireland for several generations. Tradition is precise about the date our emigrant ancestor, David McConnaughey, Sr., arrived in America. The date 1750 has come down in two branches: that of the above-mentioned Revolutionary soldier, James McConaughy, and in that of his younger brother, David McConnaughey, Jr., who died in the War of 1812. As with the rest of the Scotch-Irish emigrants what drove them from Ulster to America was the incredibly stupid treatment of them by the English government. Ulster had become too prosperous to please England. Irish goods and cattle were better & cheaper than England produced, so Ireland was forbidden to trade with England’s colonies in order that English merchants might get the trade for themselves. As a result, most of the Irish seaports were ruined, land values dropped, & the tenants were impoverished. “But Ulster was to a noticeable degree more prosperous than the rest of Ireland. In Ulster, a tenant, upon his departure from a holding, had the customary right to receive compensation for improvements he had made. This system encouraged improvements, increased profits, and made the Ulster agriculturist more progressive than the southerners, though their economic situation was still miserably low. The right to compensation for improvements, however, furnished many of them with a small capital and made it possible for them to emigrate to America.

(Buck, S.J. – Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania, p-123) It is possible that some such small capital provided the passage money to America for our branch of the McConnaughey family.

Our emigrant ancestor, David McConnaughey, settled in Path Valley, now in Franklin Co., Pa. About 1790, two, perhaps three, of his children moved up into Venango Co., Pa., later moving south west into Beaver Co., Pa. The remaining children and their families, together with the elder David and his wife Jane Platt, about 1800 emigrated into Westmoreland Co., Pa., part of them setting near Homer City, on Two Lick Creek, in the portion that was later set off as Indiana Co., Pa. A generation later both groups had lost all contact and knowledge of each other. The compilation of this genealogy is possible, then, because of the historical sense of the late Elizabeth (McConnaughey) West, who preserved the documents and traditions of her grandfather, David McConnaughey, Jr., of Beaver Co., Pa., and to Edward L. McConaughy of LaGrange, Ill., who preserved, as clippings, the writings of Dr. Francis M. McConaughy, grandson of the Revolutionary soldier, James McConnaughey, oldest son of the emigrant ancestor, of Indiana Co., Pa. These writings, “Old Time Recollections of Ligonier Valley” published as a column in the Ligonier Echo are all the exact data we now have on the first years in America of the McConnaughey family. I am also much indebted to Mrs. John M. Kelly, Fairbury, Neb., Mrs. A. H. Kelch, Lake View, Iowa, and Mrs. George S. Thompson, Neosho, Mo., all of whom wrote many letters to supply all the information needed. Where other sources were used, they are listed when quoted.

THE MCCONNAUGHEYS IN PENNSYLVANIA

During the first half of the 18th century, at least three, and perhaps more, separate McConnaughey families emigrated from Northern Ireland to settle in Pennsylvania. The first to arrive was Robert McConaughy (1691-1758) who landed at Chester, Delaware, about 1737, rode to Conowago Creek, and traded his horse for a farm of 500 acres in what is now Menallen Township, Adams Co., Pennsylvania, but during the Revolutionary War was York County. This farm continued to be the family home till after 1815, Robert marrying Elizabeth Densmore (1691-1788) and founding what is sometimes called the "Gettysburg Branch" of the family. His son David (1716-1815) was Sheriff of York by commission from George III, and later served not only on the York County Committee of Safety, but in many other official capacities. Another son, Samuel (1723-1802), was also a member of the York County Committee of Safety. (*Authority: Mrs. C.R. Hatten, Lincoln, Neb., letters written in Jan. 1952, & in whose possession is a photostat of the genealogy of these York (Adams) County McConnaugheys.*)

The second McConnaughey arrival was probably that Robert who was the first proprietor of Springton Forge, who with his wife and son are buried in the "Upper Graveyard" of the Brandywine Manor Presbyterian Church, Chester Co., Pa. (*M'Clune, James – History of the Presbyterian Church in the Forks of the Brandywine, Chester Co., Pa., from 1735-1885. Lippincott, 1885. p. 216 Copy in Minn. Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn.*) His original 250 acres "located on the Branches of the Brandywine" in Springtown Manor, was surveyed Jan. 5, 1733. (*Penn. Archives, Series 3, Vol.24, pp 86-90*) His patent – to "Robert McConahy" – is dated 26 May, 1748. (*Penn. Archives, Series 33, Vol.8, p. 593*) Year by year he acquired more land until he was taxed on a thousand acres in 1769. He died intestate a little before Nov. 28, 1776, on which date his widow "Jannett" signed with her mark a Reunciation of the Administration of his estate, relinquishing it to their son "James McConnaughey", the witnesses being James S. & Mary Graham. James died about 1781, but they had at least two other sons, David and John, both of whom are on the West Nantmell Township, Chester County tax rates (*Penn. Archibes, Ser. 5, Vol. 5, p. 502*)

The third McConnaughey to arrive was also a David. He, with his wife Jane Platt, and several children, emigrated from Londonderry, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, in what was then Cumberland County. It is this last David McConnaughey and his descendants, with whom this genealogy deals. There is a tradition in one branch of the family that the York County and Path Valley were brothers, but nothing has been discovered to lend support to this theory, although undoubtedly all three of the above were cousins. They all named their children alike, in each family there is a David, a Robert, a James, and a John, and this tendency to repeat the male given names has persisted to this day.

After the Revolution still another David McConaughy, born in County Antrim, North Ireland, and there married to a Miss Glissen, came to Pennsylvania and settled in

Chester County. His children were: John, David, Elizabeth, and Alexander, the last named being born in 1799. (*History of Washington Co., Pa. p.642*)

Lastly, there is an intriguing, though sorry, mystery in the Pennsylvania Archives. In the Colonial Records, Vol. 10, p. 676, is the following:

Philadelphia, Pa.
In Council of Safety,
August 8, 1776.

A letter was Received from the Committee of Inspection of Chester County, informing the Board that a certain James McConneaughey, with sever others, had greatly Abused and Insulted several Persons and their Families where by many of the Militia were discouraged from Marching and therefore had ordered said McConnaughy to be APPREHENDED and sent to this City; he being brought before the Board, and several Witnesses Appearing, who upon oath, charged him with Committing violent Breaches of the Peace, he was therefore ordered to be confined in the Common Jail of this City, and the following Mittimus Granted:

“In Council of Safety for the State of Pennsylvania. “Whereas James McConnaughey stands Charged before the Council of Breaking Breaches of the Peace, and appears to be very dangerous Person, you are therefore hereby Required and enjoined to Receive into your Custody the Body of the said James McConnaughy, and him safely keep until he be discharged by the Authority of this State, and for your so doing this shall be you Warrant. Given under my hand this 8th day of August, 1776.

By order of the Council.
Thomas Wharton, Jun’r, President.

To Mr. Thos. Dewus, Keeper of the Goal of Philad’a.”

The story is continued on page 693:

In Council of Safety,
August 20, 1776.

James McConneaughy was brought before the Board, and was permitted to be enlarged from his Confinement, upon giving security that he would appear at the next Court of Judicature that may be held in the County of Chester for the trying of Offences and Misdemeanors: and in the mean time to march to the Camp in New Jersey, and there remain until the return of the said Army; which was done accordingly, himself Bound to the Sum of 1000 pounds, and William Graham in 500 pounds, for the Performance thereof.

The Board then adjourned to 5 o’clock, afternoon.

In the Pennsylvania Archives, Series 2, Vol. 1, on page 637, there is a list:

Tory Prisoners Confined in Philadelphia
October 18th, 1776.

James McConnogey, bad man. (This is the 3rd name down) of which there are 63 altogether, with this notation at the bottom of the list:

“All but the last two willing to enter service.” We may take it, there for, that Bad Man James McConnogey, or McConneaughey, entered the Continental Army. It is interesting to speculate whether this James is the James of the Renunciation of Administration of Jannett McConnaughey, and the son of Robert, first proprietor of Springton Manor Forge on the Upper Reaches of the Brandywine. If so, could James and his friend William Graham (quite possibly the son of James S. and Mary Graham of the Renunciation) have committed these “violent Breaches of the Peace” while “disguised in liquor”, as the quaint 18th century term has it? And did grief and shame cause Robert’s death, perhaps by a stroke, or a heart attack, within a few weeks, in November, 1776?

“OLD TIME RECOLLECTIONS”

by Dr. Francis M. McConnaughey

(The following account of the Path Valley, Penn. McConnaughey family is copied from a book of clippings loaned to J. R. Bassett in Nov., 1950, by Edward L. McConaughy of LaGrange, Ill. The clippings are from the Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., Penna., “Echo”, & were a regular column entitled “Old Time Recollections of Ligonier Valley, Penn.” & were signed “A Neighbor”, the writer being Dr. Francis M. McConaughy of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn., who died Dec. 18, 1893. The columns were clipped and pasted into a scrapbook by his brother, Dr. David W. McConaughy, who died Aug. 19, 1900, at Latrobe, Penn., the book then passing into the possession of Mr. Edward L. McConaughy, a nephew. Only those portions of the columns were copied which pertained to the McConnaughey family, or to social & economic history up to 1850, much of the Recollections dealing with the genealogies of relatives by marriage, or of neighboring families.)

“Mr. Editor: - With your permission I wish to write some original history of our state & valley that may be interesting to the increasing number of readers of your excellent Ligonier Echo....

“The Ligonier Valley seemed to be a favorable “stamping grounds for (the Indians’) incursions, killing many & taking many prisoners – the Knoxs, Smiths, Campbells, & no doubt many never heard of, as in those days there were hardly any newspapers or sensational newspaper reporters, & it was an understanding among early settlers to say little of these things, lest it prevent others from coming to the country & filling it up with emigrants....For a long time after the Revolution was settled & peace established, farmers were obliged to carry their loaded guns to their fields & to church also to defend themselves when attacked by the wild men even up into the 90’s (1790s) when the last known Indian was killed in the valley not far from Fort Ligonier by a son of Charles Clifford, one of the 1st settlers...James Pollock came out with Indian traders some time preceding 1767 & marked with his hatchet a tract of land for his future home. This was the common system of that day in laying claim to land, as no land office was established till April 3, 1760, & Westmoreland County was not organized until Feb. 26, 1773. This county embraced all lands west of Laurel Hill...

“James McCurdy...left Ireland when 18 years of age...was a weaver by trade in the old country, i.e. North Ireland...the family Bible is lost so dates are not known. His mother stood on the shore waving a handkerchief. He watched her as long as he could from the deck of the ship. When he died in the Valley he was 82. He married in the forks of Youghiogeny, & when he had three children, moved to Ligonier Valley. He carried on weaving to some extent but

farmed largely & successfully: wheat, meadows on Hannah's River from which he sold much hay; good apple & peach orchards. Was a Presbyterian and may have been an elder. Another Jas. McCurdy was in the congregation and I am not sure which one was the church elder. The family consisted of 5 sons and 5 daughters. His wife died of a fever in 1829, their eldest son Robert also died of this fever brought to the valley when the canal was made. My mother was the 3rd child in the family, a baby in 1778 or '79. The oldest daughter was Mrs. John Martin. James McCurdy's wife came from Virginia with her parents the McKinnies, when 12 years of age...they settled at the Forks of the Youghiogheny, where she married James McCurdy, probably about 1783, at the close of the Revolutionary War. James McCurdy served in the Revolution as I remember him telling my mother when I was a small boy, of his high esteem of Gen. Washington & that he would pass around among the soldiers in camp, inquiring of their comfort and condition, nearly every day, & of his admiring esteem of his kindness, and bearing always, among them at all times...at the Battle of Brandywine, their part of the army was stationed below, under arms, in hearing, & partly in sight of, the bloody strife all day, impatient to be called into action; & that the water of the creek was as red as blood as it passed by...

"Grandfather James McConaughy, with his father, David McConaughy, 2 brothers, & 1 sister, came from North of Ireland, fully stamped Scotch-Irish blue stockings, & settled in Franklin Co., Penn... it was likely before the middle of the last century...there is a striking family resemblance throughout down to the 3rd & 4th generation, as now exists, between our family & that of David McConaughy (who was Sheriff of York County). As far back as I can trace my grandfather James McConaughy, he married in the McConnell family of Path Valley & lived on a farm joining the village of Fannettsburg, Twelve miles from Loudon on the Philadelphia Turnpike; was married about 1778 & his oldest son David was born Nov. 13, 1779. With 5 sons he moved from there to the center of Ligonier Valley on a 400-acre tract in 1800, & where there had been a noted tavern stand on the State road opened by Gen. Forbes in 1758, This was one of the great lodging places 3 miles from the foot of Laurel Hill. Through Grandfather's place was a half-mile horse race ground & once much used as the best in all the country. I think Grandfather never kept a hotel, but farmed, built a new house and planted another orchard near the old one, with peach trees all around...Father was the last of his sons to remain at home for help, and when he married at the age of 25 and left to do for himself, He (Jas. McC.) had not much help to carry on farming. James McConaughy was a man that did not talk much of what he had done, and only about things on hand, and with striking good sense...He was stoutly built and heavy for a man of 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, of large head, and face with a kind and genial expression, a heavy head of hair, inclined to be a little curly, and white as wool in his latter days, always clean shaven and no whickers. It was the Blue Stocking rule to shave, and blacken boots and shoes on Saturday evening. Mr. Grandfather's farm was in Path Valley, from where he moved to Ligonier Valley. His farm there joined the village of Fannettsburg, Franklin County, and had a fine orchard near the town. A neighbor

of ours, Col. S. Elder, also being raised there in Path Valley, once told me that when Grandfather left and sold to a German, that this man would not permit anyone to go into the orchard to carry off any fruit as my Grandfather did...In those days the ministers dressed with powdered wig, knee breeches, from there down white stocking, low shoes with silver buckles at knee and foot, and a large silk flowing robe. I can remember my father speaking of his surprise in not seeing ministers dressed in that way, when they came to the valley, yet when meeting a minister of the style and manner of good old Rev. Hill, he soon became reconciled and rather thought the other style unnecessary.

“When James McConnaughey came to the valley in 1800, he had five sons of ages varying from 12 to 21 years of age...He farmed and improved that tract of land, built a new house with one of those triangle chimneys of immense size as was common in those days and is yet standing, he also enlarged the orchard, but in 20 years after when all his sons had left to do for themselves, and his age approaching 70 years and only a half-grown grandson, Thomas Moore, to do his work his farm got badly out of repair with several fields he had cleared, covered over with fallen timber. He then traded this farm to my father for a lesser one in good farming order on the Two Lick Creek in Indiana County that his father (David) McConnaughey the emigrant) had once owned, and that my father had purchased after his grandfather’s (David McConnaughey the emigrant) death about 1814. After the exchange he (James McConnaughey) moved there and spent his last days, dying about 10 years (i.e. about 1830 when 80 years old), as well as did Grandmother (Isabelle McConnell Moore McConnaughey), she dying a few years before him’ also as well as did his father (David the emigrant) and mother (Jane Platt McConnaughey) on the same farm...All 4 of these parents (David and Jane Platt McConnaughey, and James and Isabell McConnell McConnaughey) are buried in the churchyard of Bethel Church, Homer City, Indiana Co., Penna.

“James McConnaughey was not only a good farmer but a skilled mechanic. A good cooper, being able to make an excellent vessel from hogshead down to bucket: also a shoe maker. In all these things he trained his boys. He was, too, a complete fence builder of rails which he made straight and level as a line. He never used tobacco but would take a dram. He was very popular among the people of Ligonier Valley, and very likely in Path Valley also. Many called him “Uncle Jimmie”. He was a Democrat and active on days of election to see that people voted right as that was the popular and prevailing party of those times...All his sons were powerful axeman.

“My uncle, Robert McConaughy, came with his father and family when not more than 10 or 12 years of age from Path Valley, Franklin County, the same as friend Elder, near your town. After remaining awhile at home in Ligonier Valley, he took a trip into Ohio, where 2 brothers had preceeded him. One had died, and the other had a small family; and being called out into the late War of 1812, he went out as a substitute for his brother Dave. Not suiting him to leave his small family in the woods without his protection. When he (Robert

McConaughy) returned, he soon married this Anna Jamison and spent his remaining days on the farm he cleared out from deep woods on the hillside. His family consisted of 6 sons and 5 daughters, all now dead but 3 sons. The youngest son was a farmer, the eldest son a general dealer in stock. The 2nd son, Robert Jamison McConnaughey, was on the farm once owned by his father's grandfather, David McConaughy, and purchased in the last century. Two sons died very young, and the best of all, my namesake, was killed at the 2nd Battle of Bull Run...

"My father, John McConaughy, visited his son, John McCurdy McConaughy, near Rockford, Ill., in the fall of 1851...on the way home he visited David's family at Dayton, Ohio, David having died 4 years before in 1847. John McCurdy McConaughy was a preacher, the first year he preached being 1843, between Dayton and Cincinnati; later he went to Kentucky. David's sons (8 or 9 boys) were: the oldest, Francis, was a carpenter, and was killed during the Civil War while serving at the siege of Vicksburg. James was a brick builder, David a farmer. The youngest son Thomas went into the mercantile business the rest of the boys were farmers. The oldest daughter married a man named Dinsmore.

"My father, John McConaughy, was cool and calm and not easily excited. He married Margaret McCurdy, and my uncle James McConaughy married Margaret Findley. Uncle James once told us boys that when they were all at home in Path Valley, they were all reaping in a big field of rye that extended up a slope of one of the mountains, 4 young men and the smaller brother to gather the sheaves, and the father (James who married Isabelle McConnell) leading them all. Uncle James was behind my father, when one of those ring-necked racer blacksnakes, common in that country, wound itself around Father's leg, and without any more ado my father run his sickle inside and cut it in two, and went right on, as in those times reaping was a racing business.. 'I saw it as I passed', Uncle James said, 'and as they were binding the rye coming back, all saw it and found it in many pieces, and thought it must have been twice around the leg.' My father said, 'maybe it was: it was getting pretty tight, but I soon loosened it.'

"My father, John McConaughy, lived with his grandfather(David the emigrant) on the Two Lick Creek some years before marriage, and while the younger brother Robert, and the grandson Thomas Moore, were at home to do the grandfather's work...the boys all learned to be fine swimmers in the Canocohauge Creek of Path Valley, and were never afraid of high or deep water. Uncle James told me of this many years later...I do not know how long my father lived with his grandfather, but long enough to become well acquainted in that region...so that when he bought that farm after his grandfather's death, it was not like settling in a strange country. The farm was also in reach of the Bethel Church where Rev. James Henderson preached...my father moved there in 1815...the Two Lick farm faced Homer City. When my father exchanged the Two Lick farm for the old homestead in the valley, he gave \$300.00 difference as He was getting more land but not quite so good in quality. He moved to it in the

spring of 1819, I being then 6 years of age, and I can remember everything of its appearance. (This was the house built in 1800 by David the emigrant). The lower story of the house was pretty well fixed, but the upper story rather open. The lower part was divided by board partitions smoothly planed, into 4 rooms with a hall running from the front door to back. The door knobs were of brass and the doors having iron latches, the first I had even seen. There were also doors at the north end of the house into the first-story kitchen from one fire room and from the other onto the porch in front of the kitchen. The orchard was the most prosperous looking part of the farm, especially the new one above the old State Road, as this road ran between them and a row of 33 cherry trees was on the side of this land. These trees were full of cherries every season and people carried them away while they lasted. The same is true with regard to the peaches. Father soon changed this road to run above the orchard and constructed our garden in front of the house on the old roadbed, and I think it is there yet. The new orchard was of the best selection of fruit in all the country and scarcely ever failed being loaded with fruit including the best pears in the country...

"We came here in the spring of 1819, I being then 6, and sister Jane 4 years older, James between us. James learned a trade but eventually went to college and there studied medicine and in 1845 graduated at Philadelphia, then practiced medicine at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn. for 46 years. Jane married Major Samuel Nesbitt of Indiana Co., Penna., in her 20th year, on June 3, 1830. Major Nesbitt owned a fine farm 4 miles east of Saltsburg, Penn. They had a large family: 3 died in infancy; one, a young man died of inflammatory rheumatism. Another son became a Presbyterian minister. Another son served in the Civil War and afterward farmed the homestead. There were 5 daughters, all married, 3 of whom moved to western states.

"The next brother to leave home, John McCurdy McConaughy, studied for the ministry. His first charge was Bethel Church in Indiana Co., Penn., at Homer City. Eventually he had to give up the ministry because of lung trouble, and died in his 54th year. He had 4 sons and 2 daughters. One of these sons, the Honorable George M. McConaughy, lawyer and legislator, lives in Denver, Co., a graduate of college and law school. After Jane married, the twins were only 12 years old, and the other sisters 2 & 4 years old. After the oldest sister (Jane) there were 3 brothers, then the twins, and 2 other sisters, then 2 brothers, and the youngest of all a sister. In the summer of 1837 the twins were married at 18 years of age. The next sister married John Bell of Derry, they eventually moved to Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Martha married W. Boyd Cummins; Francis became a doctor; Robert and David, the two younger born, were 13 and 15 years old in 1831. In the fall of 1832 Francis was in his 19th year. Brother Robert graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia (the same college we all did) in 1849, and settled in Saltsburg and died there Oct. 19, 1851 in the 26th year of his age. Sister Melinda married in 1852, John Shallenberger, a merchant. Brother David studied medicine and eventually settled in Latrobe, Penn., married ____ Brown. Francis a

doctor, practiced in Mount Pleasant, Ashland, Ohio, and then settled in Blairsville, Penn.

“My uncle James, the next in age to my father, and perhaps intellectually equal to any of the 5 brothers, was a skilled debater and also a violinist. He married a Finley; she died early. He was also a farmer and carpenter; had 4 daughters, and 3 sons who died young. The oldest daughter married Hugh Dever. The 3rd daughter married a Pershing of St. Clair, Derry Twp. The youngest daughter married Samuel Dixon, near Homer City, Indiana Co., Penn. My brother John was married in Pittsburgh, May 22, 1844. He married his brother James at Mount Pleasant the next day, May 23, 1844. James married Harriet; John married a Porter. Sister Mary Ann married John Bell of Derry on June 17, 1846. Dr. Francis M. McConaughy married Sophia A. Lobinger on June 25, 1846. My Cousin Eliza McConaughy married a Graham. He was a sound, square man.

“It is very evident that this McConaughy homestead was occupied in very early times as the large old Tavern house with cellar underneath, not a common thing in those days, was worn out and tumbling down when my grandfather (James McC) came to it in 1800, and on which he built the large square log house and large old-fashioned three-corner chimney. Presumably this was the house belonging to Robert Knox, who, with his family, was murdered by the Indians about 1759 or 1760. This original house was not only worn out, but there were large old apple trees in the orchard, indicating that they were planted out in very early times. It is supposed some of these places were occupied even before Gen. Forbes’ Army opened the state road in 1758. It is stated, early settlers did not make much ado over the Indian depredations committed on early settlers, as they were fearful it would prevent others from coming and thus prevent the filling up of the fine country they were anxious to see settled. Also in those days there were no newspapers to spread the stories....”

McCONNAUGHEY GENEALOGY

David McConnaughey, the emigrant.

Born and raised in County Londonderry, North Ireland (Ulster), of Scotch parentage.

Died in 1814 at his home on his farm on Two Lick Creek, facing Homer City, Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn. Is buried in the churchyard of Bethel Church, Homer City, Indiana Co., Penn.

Married Jane Platt, likewise of Scotch parentage, in County Londonderry, Ulster, sometime before 1750. She is on the tax rolls of Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn., for the year 1807 as “Jean McConaughy”. (*History of Indiana Co., Penn. Neward, O., J. A. Caldwell, 1880, p-254. In Minn. Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn.: F157f. I3C2*). She died between 1807 and 1814 at her home on their farm on Two Lick Creek, Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn., and is also buried in the churchyard of Bethel Church, Homer City, Indiana Co., Penn.

The McConnaughey branch from which this David came was part of what was called the Ulster Plantation (*see under “The McConnaughey Family”*). In 1750 or a little before, this David McConnaughey, together with his wife, 3 sons and 1 daughter, emigrated to America and settled in Path Valley, adjoining the site of what in 1792 was laid out as the village of Fannettsburg, then in Fannet, now in Metal Township. Until Sept. 9, 1784, Path Valley was in Cumberland Co., Penn., after that date when Franklin County was erected from a portion of Cumberland, it lay in Franklin Co., Penn. Here in Path Valley the other son and 2 daughters were born. David McConnaughey was taxed in 1778 on 54 acres, and 2 horses; by the following year, 1779, and for 1780, he is taxed on 100 acres, 2 horses and 3 cattle; and for 1781 and 1782, on 169 acres, 2 horses and 4 cattle. (*Penn. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 20, pp 43, 161, 295, 520, and 571*).

Path Valley was originally called the Tuscarora Path from the habit of the Tuscarora Indian nation using it in migrating from the Carolinas to the North to Join the Five Nations from 1704 on. In August, 1766, a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Mr. Duffield, made a tour of that section, an account of which is recorded in the “Journal” of the Rev. Chas. C. Beatty, and is quoted in Chas. A. Hanna’s “The Scotch-Irish”, Vol. 2, pp 73-5:

“1766 August 29th. – In the evening Mr. Duffield arrived and gave the following account of his tour:

- “23d. August, Saturday – Rode to John Blair’s, in the Path Valley, thirty miles.
- “24th, Sabbath – Preached to a considerable large congregation.
- “25th, Monday – Preached at the place designed for building a house of worship; and received the following information from the people, of their situation and circumstances; This Path Valley is 23 miles in length, and in general about 3 miles in breath. In one township, called Fannet, there are about 70 families, who are desirous of the gospel, and willing to support it according to their abilities, being very unanimous. They have fixed upon a place about 8 or 9 miles from the head of the valley where they propose soon to build a house of worship; and as this valley will admit of a number of

people more to settle in it, they expect to be able to support a minister, after some years; but at present they labor under the same difficulties as their neighbors in other villages and places on the frontiers, just beginning the world, in a manner after their late distress by the war. They have no prospect of a globe for the minister, as the land is all taken up; but are desirous to procure one as soon as it shall be in their power. Lodged at Mr. Francis Elliott's."

As a result of Mr. Beatty's ministrations...churches were organized in what is now...Upper and Lower Path Valley...These congregations were supplied with preaching by Donegal Presbytery for a number of years after 1766; and eventually obtained settled ministers."

In 1775 the Rev. Philip Fithian, also a Presbyterian minister, visited Path Valley and recorded his impressions in his "Journal": June 22, 1775. This valley is in many places not more than a mile wide; it is level, and the land rich; the mountains are both high and so near, that the sun is hid night and morning an hour before he rises and sets. I rode on to one Elliott's; he keeps a genteel house with good accommodations. I saw a young woman, a daughter of his, who was never been over the South Mountain, as elegant in her manner and as neat in her dress as most in the city. It is not place, therefore, but temper makes the person. In this valley we have many of the sugar tree: it is very like a maple...it grows in a low level." (*Egle, Wm Henry, ed. -Historical Register. 1883...vol. 1, p.91*). The Francis Elliott referred to in both ministerial journals was one of the first settlers in Path Valley, and during The French and Indian Wars, so built his house, or tavern, that is was used as a private fort. "It stood in Path Valley about a mile north of Fannettsburg, at the place now known as Springtown. It was erected in 1754 or '55. At this place are half a dozen limestone springs, one of which was enclosed by the fort. At the time the barn of James and Samuel Walker, 1 mile south of Fannettsburg, was burned by the Indians, viz.: on the night of March 22, 1763, the neighbors collected together and scouts were sent by a by-path to give alarm at the fort, so that is must have been still occupied by British soldiers." (*History of Franklin Co., Penn., Chic. Warmer, 1887, p. 166*)

Finally there is a 3rd description of Path Valley in "A Journal from Jersey to the Monogahala, Aug. 11, 1788": "Friday the 18th of July. Set out again and rose the 2nd hill called the North Mountain. This as steep and stony as the first. At the west foot forded a creek in Path Valley. Went and halted at a drole tavern...the place affords neither forage or water and whiskey nearly out...about 2 o'clock in the afternoon went out and descended the 3rd hill called Tuscarora Mountain. This hill much steeper than the other...This hill as well as the other two so stony going down seeming enough to dash the wagons to pieces falling from one stone upon another. At the foot of these hills is a good farm." (*Penn Magazine, Vol. 52, 1928, p. 196*)

About 1800 David McConaughy and those of his sons who owned land in Path Valley sold their holdings and moved into Western Pennsylvania. Two of the sons David, Jr., and James with their sister Jane and her husband, William Davidson, went up into Venango County and took up land in Irwin Township about 1797. By 1800 James had left Venango County and gone down into Westmoreland County where the rest of the family had settled, and took up a 400 acre tract in the Ligonier Valley. His father and mother had bought land on Two Lick Creek in what is now Centre Twp., Indiana Co.,

Penna., and there they remained. For a description of their life and the home he built, see “Old Time Recollections” by their great grandson, Dr. Francis M. McConaughy.

David McConnaughey and his wife Jane Platt had 8 children: James, David Jr., Elizabeth, Robert, Francis, John, Mary, and Jane.

The following are the 8 children of David McConnaughey (d. 1814) and his wife Jane Platt:

(1) JAMES

Born about 1747 in County Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland.

Died about 1828, or a little before, at his home on his farm on Two Lick Creek, Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn. Is buried in the churchyard of Bethel Church, Homer City, Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

Married Isabella (McConnell) Moore in 1778, in Path Valley, Cumberland Co., Penn. Isabella McConnell, a daughter of the McConnell family in Path Valley, first married Harvey Moore, also of Path Valley, and had 3 children by him. Their names are not known, nor the date of his death. “She dying a few years before James McConaughy died about 1830, is also buried in the churchyard of Bethel Church, Homer City, Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

James McConaughy is listed in the 1790 Federal Census as still living in Fannett Twp., Franklin Co., Penn., the head of a family of 2 males over 16, 6 males under 16 years of age, and 2 females. This would make the Moore children, who were raised by James, 2 boys and a girl. His farm adjoined the village of Faynettsburg and was 12 miles from Loudon on the Philadelphia Turnpike, though apparently he did not buy this farm until after his marriage, since his 1778 tax is not on land but on his status as a freeman. In 1779 he is taxed on 2 horses and 3 cattle; in 1780 on 2 horses and 2 cattle. By 1781 he is taxed on 160 acres, 3 horses, and 4 cattle; and the same for 1782. (*Penn. Archives, Ser. 3, Vol. 20, pp. 45, 161, 295, 520, & 571*). He served during the Revolutionary War as a sergeant in the 1st Battalion of Cumberland County Militia, Col James Dunlap commanding, in the Co. of Capt. Noah Abraham of Path Valley, recruited in 1777. He continued to serve in the militia after the war since his name is on “A Return of the Officers of Militia in the County of Franklin, Sat. June 30, 1792” as a captain. (*History of Franklin Co., Penn., 1887, p. 183-4. Penn Archives, Ser. 6, Vol. 4, p. 110*) Before the Revolutionary War James McConaughy had been looking for a new land, went into Westmoreland County, and in what is now Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn. made some improvements on a tract of land surveyed on an application dated April 3rd, 1769, and called “Nazareth”. It is property that is described by Dr. Francis M. McConaughy in “Old Time Recollections”. James was, however, driven off by the Indians and returned to Path Valley to serve in the militia during the Revolution. About 1796 or ’97 he went with his brother David Jr., and the latter’s family to Venango Co., Penn., where David took up land in Irwin Township. Both brothers’ names are in the ledgers as patrons of both George Powers and Edward Hale, who ran trading establishments at Fort Franklin, which later became Franklin City. Powers’ accounts run from 1794 – 1800. Hale’s from

1798-1800. David Jr., remained in Venango County, but James returned to Path Valley and about 1800. with his own family, his father and mother and remaining brothers and sisters, moved into Westmoreland County to settle on a 400 acre tract in Ligonier Valley. No tradition has come down to explain this departure from Path Valley. However, there is, in the "Minutes of the Board of Property other References to Lands in Pennsylvania including Proprietary (Old) Rights". (*Penn. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 2, pp 40 & 392*) two separate actions by James McConaughy, one in 1767 and the other in 1792, to protect his prior claims to land in or near Path Valley, both of which he lost. This may have determined him to settle further west where there was plenty of land, not only for himself, but for his sons. He remained on this farm in Ligonier Valley until he was approaching the age of 70, when, with his sons gone to their own farms, he traded this farm for the one his father had cleared on Two Lick Creek in Indiana County, by this time owned by James' second son, John. On this Two Lick Creek farm James and his wife Isabella spent the remainder of their lives, about 10 years. They had 5 children: David, John, James, Franklin, and Robert.

(2) DAVID JR:

Born in County Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland, before 1765, since in the 1810 U. S. Census records for Beaver Co., Penn., he is listed as being "45 years and upwards."

Died early in 1814 near Lake Erie, where he was serving in the militia during the campaign for the defense of that lake in the War of 1812.

Married Margaret Davidson, of Fannett Twp., Path Valley, Franklin Co., Penna., in 1790, sometime between March 25th and October, the marriage being preformed by the Rev. John King, of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Penn. (*Genealogy Society Of Pennsylvania, Vol. 15, 1942-47, p. 191*) After the death of her husband in 1814, she remarried before 1820, since she is not listed in the 1820 U. S. Census for Beaver Co., Penn. though she remained on the farm and raised her children there: the name of her second husband is not known. She died there, presumably while it was still in Beaver County.

David McConnaughey, Jr., was a farmer, hunter, and a soldier of the War of 1812. Presumably he was about 25 years of age when he married in 1790. It is also to be presumed that before his marriage he, like his elder brother James, not only helped on his father's farm in Path Valley, but took exploring trips to locate land of his own, since as early as 1766, the Rev. Mr. Duffield had stated that all the land in Path Valley was taken up. David McConnaughey, Jr. is not listed on any tax records for Path Valley, nor is he listed in the first U. S. Census in 1790 for Path Valley or Franklin County. Assuming that he did start west before 1796 when he is known to have been in Venango County, he may well have been the David McConaughy who, with his wife, is listed in the U S. Census for 1790 in Franklin Twp., Fayette Co., Penn. This is probable since the only practical way of reaching Venango County from Path Valley was to travel west along the Forbes, or State Road, opened by Gen. Forbes in 1758, and so to Fort Pitt or Pittsburgh. David McConnaughey and his bride may have stopped for some years

in Fayette County, then by way of Pittsburgh gone on up into Venango County when the country around Fort Franklin was reasonably safe from Indian raids. We do know definitely that he took up land in what was Later Irwin Twp., Venango Co., Penn. For a time the line between what became Mercer and Venango Counties was indefinite “probably not having been ascertained and marked when the tax assessments for 1800 were made.” At all events Irwin Township is placed in Mercer County for the year 1800.

“Irwin Township Taxables, Mercer Co., 1800
 ... David McConahy, Jr.”
(History of Mercer Co., Penn. 1888 p. 150)

However, by 1805 the county lines were drawn, and so we find this:

“List of Taxable Inhabitants and Taxable Property returned by the
 Assessors for the year 1805.

Irwin Township Rate 1 cent on the Dollar:

Name	Amount
McConoughie, David	\$172.00

(Newton, J.H. – History of Venango Co., Penna., Columbus, Ohio., J. A. Caldwell, 1879 p. 140)

Irwin Township was “One of the original townships of Venango County. The amount of territory within the original Irwin included the present townships of Scrubgrass and Clinton. The township is well watered by the headwaters of Scrubgrass Creek and its tributaries. The soil is generally very good, and well adapted to the growing of grains, fruits and vegetables; the surface is rather undulating...wild hogs, bears, wolves, panthers and deer were as common as Indians, while the smaller animals, such as squirrels, raccoons, and foxes, were seen almost hourly. Owing probably to the great abundance of game in this vicinity, the Indians were very numerous, ever for some time after 1800...Moccasins of deerskin were the common foot dress for the winter, and in summer all sexes and ages went bare-footed for greater comfort and less expense...From all accounts which we can get, it seems that very little attention was paid to the education of the younger people of this township for quite a number of years after its first settlement.”

(Newton, J.H. – History of Venango Co., Penn. 1879 p. 597 et seq.)

David McConnaughey was a customer of both George Powers who came Fort Franklin in 1787 and built a log store on the bank of French Creek; and of Edward Hale who also located in the vicinity in 1797.

“Among the Names Represented on George Powers’ Books from
 1794 to 1800; are:

David McConnaughey
 James McConnaughey

(Newton, J.H. – History of Venango Co., Penn. p. 120)

“Lists of Patrons of Edward Hale as compiled from his ledger, 1798 to 1800. At ‘His Trading Establishment’ in 1797 and 1798.

David McConnehu”
 (Newton, J. H. – *History of Venango Co., Penna.* pp 121, 122)

The location of David McConnaughey’s farm in Irwin Township is also known:

No. of Acres	! Name of Parties taking ! land for settlement ! and improvement	! Where located if stated, on ! waters of creek, etc., or ! Township, etc.
429 +	! Patrick Davidson !	! Near D. McConehy and on waters ! of Scrubgrass Creek
433 +	! William Davidson !	! on Wolf Creek near ! F. Davidson

Date of Surveys
 Nov. 15, 1800 and June 3, 1802”
 (Newton, J. H. – *History of Venango Co., Penn.* p. 118)

In 1808 David McConnaughey moved his family to Beaver Co., Penn., as his son, David Platt McConnaughey stated in his biography in the “History of Washington Co., Iowa.” (1880, p. 654) He is also listed as living in Beaver Co., Penn., in the 1810 U. S. Census:

David McConaughy, living in Little Beaver Twp., with 1 male under 10, 1 male 45 and upwards, 1 female under 10, 2 females 10 and under 16, 2 females 16 and under 26, and 1 female 45 and upwards.

The land undoubtedly had to be cleared and a cabin built, since the county had only been erected in 1800. During the War of 1812 the “Beaver County men were not called out until the lake frontier was threatened in 1814.” (*History of Beaver Co., Penn.* 1888, p. 265) David McConnaughey, Jr., was one of those called out in 1814. His granddaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth (McConnaughey) West, in a letter dated Jan 9, 1946, said: “Right here I want to say I remember hearing Father say ‘when she (Margaret Davidson McConnaughey) saw the soldiers in line, she said, ‘My husband is the best looking man in the ranks.’ And another thing Father often said was that his mother, Margaret Davidson, was pure Scotch, as also was the mother of my mother (Rebecca Smith Thomson).” David McConnaughey, Jr., with the rest of the militiamen, went to Erie, where he died, tradition says, of some sickness, probably the fever which carried off so many of the poorly equipped troops. He served in Capt. Thomas Henry’s Company, 138th Regiment, which was recruited in and around Beaver. Service began Jan. 12th, 1814, and continued until about the 21st of March. (*History of Beaver Co., Penn.* p. 288)

For his military services, his widow was given the customary 160 acres granted to Widows of soldiers of the War of 1812, but, being “poor, with little children, and no means nor knowledge of what to do” (Mrs. West) to realize on this land, did nothing, and it remained for her son, years later, to redeem it. David McConnaughey, Jr., and his wife

had 5 children: Isabelle, Margaret, Elizabeth, a daughter whose name is no longer remembered, and David Platt.

(3) ELIZABETH:

Born probably in County Londonderry, Norther Ireland.

Married John Steele, in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Pa. He may have been a son of the Rev. John Steel who was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church (organized in 1738 as the Upper West Conococheague Church) in 1754, and who resigned in 1755. (*Gen. Soc. Of Pa., Vol. 15, p. 196*) It was at this church in 1790 that her brother, David Jr., was married by the Rev. John King. About 1780 a pewholder in this church was a "Jno. Steel." (*Gen. Soc. of Pa., Vol. 8, p. 203*) At all events, John Steel is on a "List of Taxables, 1786," for Fannett Twp. (which at that time included the present Metal Twp.) Franklin Co., Pa., which is Path Valley. He may have moved to Westmoreland County with the bulk of the family in 1800, since a John Steel of Salem Twp., is a will executor for Hugh Bleakney of Washington Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pa., Aug. 10, 1813 (*Gen. Soc. Of Pa., Vol. 8, p. 49*) and also served in March, 1817, as an executor for William Ridenhour, also of Washington Twp. (*Gen. Soc. of Pa., Vol. 11, p. 156*) No further records have been found. The spelling Steele has been preserved in the McConnaughey family records.

(4) ROBERT:

Born probably in County Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

Was taxed in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Pa., in 1786, along with his father, and brothers James and John.

"Fannett Twp., (including Metal Twp.)

List of Taxable, 1786

James McConnaughey

David McConnaughey

Robert McConnaughey

John Steel

Freemen

John McConnaughey"

(*History of Franklin Co., Pa. Chic. Warner, 1887, p. 580*)

Was evidently still unmarried in 1790, since he is not listed as head of a household, and is therefore presumably one of the 3 males over 16 listed in his father's household (*under McConche, David, p. 113, Fannett, etc, Twps., Franklin Co., Pa., 1790 U. S. Census*). It is also to be presumed that he moved to Westmoreland County in 1800 when his father and mother did, however, so far no other records of him have been found.

(5) FRANCIS:

Probably born in Path Valley, while it was still in Cumberland Co., Pa. No further record, nor tradition found; may have died young. He may be the male under 16 years of age listed in his father's household in the 1790 U. S. Census, in which case he would be the 6th or 7th child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey; however, this is the order of birth given me by Mr. Edward L. McConaughy of LaGrange, Ill., as preserved in the records and traditions of his branch of the family.

(6) JOHN:

Born in Path Valley, then in Cumberland Co., Pa. Served in the Cumberland County Militia during the Revolutionary War, his name being on the Muster Rolls of the Associators and Militia as of July 31, 1777; August, 1779; August, 1781; August, 1782; etc. (*Penn. Archives, Series 5, Vol. 6, pp. 121, 127, 383, 405, and 515*) He is also on the "List of Taxables, 1786" of Fannett Twp., Franklin co., Pa., which then included Metal Township. He is listed under "Freemen", so was probably unmarried and living in his father's house. (*History of Franklin Co., Pa. Chic. Wagner, Beers and Co. 1887, p. 580*)

In the 1790 U. S. Census for Franklin Twp., Fayette Co., Pa., a John McConaughy is listed:

"McConaughy, Jno. 1 male. 3 females.

This may be the same man, if John and David, Jr. did spend some years in Fayette County on their way to Venango County. Among David McConnaughey, Jr's descendants, tradition had preserved only the names of his brothers James and John, lending weight to the supposition that John McConnaughey, or McConaughy, as James' descendants spell it, accompanied David, Jr. to Fayette and Venango Counties, rather than going into Westmoreland County with David, Sr., and the rest of the family.

John McConnaughey is listed on the "Rolls of Pensioners who served in the War of the Revolution, and subsequent, belonging to the State of Pennsylvania, with their residence":

"Fayette County

"McConehy, John, pr. P.A. Sept. 4, 1795.

This list also includes those pensioned by order of Congress serving or disabled in subsequent wars as stated." (*Penn. Archives Series 3, Vol. 23, p. 479*) This checks with his service listed above in the "P.A.", i.e., Pennsylvania Associators, and gives his residence on Sept. 4, 1795, as Fayette County.

A "John McConehy" a private, is among those "non-commissioned officers and privates of the Volunteer Company of Penn. Rangers Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. J. B. Sutherland, 2nd Brigade, 1st Division Militia of the State of Pennsylvania in the service of the U. S." who signed a receipt for "the sum of six dollars in advance as part of our addition pay allowed by act of Assembly..." and dated at "Camp Marcu Hook, Oct. 20, 1814." Since

David McConnaughey, Jr., was past 45 years of age when he served in the Beaver County Militia in 1814, it is entirely possible that the John McConehy at Camp Marcus Hook in October, 1814, was the same John McConaughy who served in the Cumberland County Militia during the Revolution.

However, no other records of John McConaughy have been found – which is not strange if he had no other children than the 2 daughters listed in the 1790 Census.

(7) MARY:

Probably born in Path Valley, then in Cumberland Co., Pa.

Married Matthew Steele about 1798 in Path Valley. He is on the “List of Taxable Inhabitants of Center Twp., 1807”, designated as a farmer. (*History of Indiana Co., Pa., p. 254*) He came to Center Twp., Indiana Co., Pa., and settled on his farm there in 1802. The farm included the site of the present Homer City, and was a portion of the McConaughy tract. (*History of Indiana Co., Pa., Newark, O. J. A. Caldwell, 1880, p. 457*)

Mary (McConnaughey) and Mathew Steele had 3 children:

1. Elizabeth Steele, born June 24, 1799, in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Pa.
Married John Carson, who died in 1853 at the age of 70 years. Had 8 children:
 - i. Mary Carson, died before 1880.
 - ii. James Carson, served for 4 months in the Union Army during the Civil War. Married Esther Hendrickson.
 - iii. Matthew Carson
 - iv. John Carson, married Sarah J. Garman.
 - v. William M. Carson, served 18 months in 3 enlistments in the Union Army during the Civil War. Married Margaret Wolf.
 - vi. Letitia Carson, married Samuel Mauk; died before 1880.
 - vii. Robert E. Carson, married Mary Foust: had 9 children: Albert J., Elizabeth C., Cora A. John M., Loue E., Anna M., Daniel E., Margaret G., George H.
 - viii. Thomas Carson, who died before 1880.
2. Janet Steele, died before 1880; married James Williams who also died before 1880, and was a son of Benoni Williams.
3. Mary Steele, died before 1880, as did her husband, John Hays.

(8) JANE:

Born in Path Valley, then in Cumberland Co., Pa.

Married William Davidson in Path Valley, by that time in Franklin Co., Pa. He may have served during the Revolutionary War in the Cumberland County Militia, since there is a William Davidson listed in "*A TRUE EXACT LIST OF THE NAMES AND SURNAMES OF EACH AND EVERY FREE ABLE BODIED MALE WHITE CITIZEN OF THE AGE OF 18 AND UNDER THE AGE OF 45 YEARS INHABITING AND RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE 1ST BATTALION OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY MILITIA.*", under numbers 82 and again in a 2nd list for the same battalion under No. 35. Since James McConaughy also served in this same 1st Battalion it is possible that this is the same William Davidson who married Jane McConnaughey. (*Penn. Archives, Ser. 6, Vol. 5, pp 171, 174*) He also served in the War of 1812:

"Capt. John Fulmer's Company

"We the aubscribers, non-commissioned officers and privates of a company, 2nd Brigade, Drafted Militia of the State of Pennsylvania, lately in the service of the U. S. under the requisition of the President of the 4th of July 1814, and subsequent thereto, do each of us acknowledge to have received severally from Daniel Bussier, Paymaster of the Militia, the sum of One dollar, sixty seven cents, additional pay allowed by the act of Assembly in such case made and provided. "... (no.) 12. William Davidson (Privates)" (*Penn. Archives, Ser. 6, Vol. 9, p. 135*)

They migrated to Venango County, probably when David, Jr. and James McConaughy went out, and settled near David, Jr. in Irwin Township (see pp. 22 for copy of survey data), where he is on a list of "Taxables" for 1800, (*History of Mercer Co., Pa. Chic. Brown, Runk and Co. 1888. p. 150*) together with "David McConahy, Jr."

The following are the 5 children of James McConaughy (1747-1828) and his wife Isabella (McConnell) Moore. He was the oldest child of David (d. 1814) and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey, who emigrated to America about 1750 from County Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland, and settled in Path Valley, then in Cumberland, now in Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) DAVID

Born Nov. 13, 1779, on his father's farm adjoining the village of Fannettsburg, Path Valley, Cumberland Co., Penn.

Died Feb. 14, 1847, at his farm home in Bethel Twp., Miami Co., Ohio.

Married Anna Grimes of Montgomery, Co., Ohio, sometime before January 18, 1822, when her mother, Mary Grimes of Montgomery Co, Ohio dated her will. (*Brien, Lindsay M. – "Miami Valley Will Abstracts." Dayton Ohio 1940. Taken from the Probate Records of Montgomery Co., Ohio in Will Book A, Montgomery Co., Ohio p.359. Copy in Minnesota Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn.*) Anna Grimes was born Jan. 1, 1787 in Virginia, and died at her farm home in Bethel Twp., Miami Co., Ohio, on April 11, 1863.

Moved with his parents from Path Valley To Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Penn., in 1800. In 1803 or 1804 "left the family home in Centre Twp.,

Indiana Co., Penn., and went to Dayton, Ohio, where he engaged to work a distillery for Col. Newcome, who entered 160 acres of land in Bethel Twp., Miami Co., Ohio, for him, paying for it by his work; in the spring of 1812 he settled on his land and began converting dense forest into a home.” (*History of Miami Co., Ohio, Chic. W. H. Beers & Co. 1886. p. 636*) *Copy in Minnesota Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn.: F497 .M6H6*) During the War of 1812 David McConnaughey was called out to serve in the militia, but since he lived in the forest and would have to leave his wife and several young children alone there, he got his brother Robert, who was visiting him, to go out as his substitute. He remained on this farm until his death. He had 12 children, some of whom died in infancy. “Old Time Recollections” states that there were 8 or 9 boys, most of whom were farmers; and that the oldest daughter married a Dinsmore. The names of only 4 children are known:

- (1) Francis, the oldest child, was born in Bethel Twp., Miami Co. Ohio. Was a carpenter; served in the Union Army during the Civil War, being killed at the siege of Vicksburg.
- (2) James C., born July 3, 1823, at his father’s farm in Bethel Twp., Miami Co., Ohio. Died after 1886. Married Elizabeth Keplinger on April 1, 1852, a resident of Montgomery Co., Ohio, who was born Sept. 11, 1833. He was a farmer, living on the old farm cleared by his father. Was a member of the Board of Education for 20 years; a Township Trustee for several terms; and Land Appraiser in 1886. He had 13 children, 11 of whom were living in 1886: Harriet Roselia, Mary Alice, Phila Irene, John Walter, David Franklin, Berton K., Christian K., Lilla E., Anna B., Edward L., and Viola M.
- (3) David, born April 23, 1827, on his father’s farm in Bethel Twp., Miami Co., Ohio. Died after 1886. Married Rachel Ten Eick on Oct. 13, 1852. She was born May 30, 1831, in Miami Co., Ohio, the daughter of Henry Ten Eick, an early settler in Miami County, and the granddaughter of Matthew Ten Eick, who had served as a Captain under Gen. Washington In the Revolutionary War. She died after 1886. David McConnaughey left home at the age of 17 to learn the tanner and currier trades; later he farmed some. From 1865-1876 he engaged in the leather goods trade in Xenia, Ohio; after 1878 he farmed and at the same time manufactured collars and fly-nets in Dayton, Ohio. He had 4 children: Ella T., William A., Anna, and Lida.
- (4) Thomas, was the youngest son; born on his father’s farm in Bethel Twp., Miami Co., Ohio. Went into the mercantile business.

(2) John:

Born on Feb. 22, 1783, on his father’s farm in Path Valley, Cumberland Co., Penn.

Died July 21, 1870 on the old McConaughy farm in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Penn.

Married Margaret McCurdy on March 31, 1808. She was born in November, 1787, the 3rd child of James and Nancy (McKinnie) McCurdy. (*See data on McCurdy family in "Old Time Recollections."*)

Moved with his parents from Path Valley, Franklin Co., Penn. in 1800.

Married when 27 years of age after living with and helping his grandfather (David the emigrant) for several years, and after the latter's death in 1814, bought the farm. Later, when his father (James) grew too old to operate the 400-acre farm in Ligonier Valley, John traded farms with his father, remaining on the Ligonier Valley place the remainder of his life. Visited his son in Ohio in 1851. Was well-known throughout the Valley. Had 11 children, including 1 pair of twins: Jane, James, Francis M., John McCurdy, Martha, Isabella, Mary Ann, Nancy, David W., Robert, and Melinda.

(3) JAMES:

Born on his father's farm in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Penn.

Died

Married Margaret Findley. "She died early."

Was a farmer, a carpenter, a good debater, and a violinist of some skill.

Had 7 children, the 3 sons dying in infancy:

1. – a daughter who married Hugh Dever.

2.

3. – a daughter who married a Pershing of St. Clair, Derry Twp.

4. – Martha, married Samuel Dickson (or Dixon), who was born in 1812, the son of Andrew and Hannah (White) Dixon, of Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn. (*History of Indiana Co., Penn. Caldwell, 1880 p. 452*)

(4) FRANKLIN:

Born on his father's farm in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Penn.

Died at about 21 years of age from yellow fever in Natchez, where he is buried.

Went with his brother David to Ohio "when it was still a wilderness" where David cleared out a farm. Wishing to dispose of his produce, he and Franklin Started with it on a raft down to New Orleans, which was a common method then, and at Natches, Franklin was stricken with yellow fever.

(5) ROBERT:

Born about 1788 in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Penn.

Died before 1880 at his farm home in Ligonier Twp., Westmoreland Co., Penn.

Married Anna Jamison about 1815 or 1816.

Moved with his parents to Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Penn. from Path valley in 1800. About 1812 went out to Miami Co., Ohio, to visit his brother David, and when the latter was called to serve in the militia during the War of 1812, Robert went out as a substitute for David. When mustered out Robert returned to Ligonier Valley where he carved out a farm from the deep woods on a hillside, remaining here the rest of his life. He had 11 children, 2 sons dying in infancy:

1. – Eliza, married James Graham.
2. – Isabella, author of the letter on the McConaughey family history written April 4, 1886, from Ligonier, Penn.
3. - Martha A., married the Rev. Joseph Shaw, a Methodist minister. Had a daughter:
 - i. Laura V. Shaw, who married _____ Knight.
4. – Mary Jane, married William Roadman.
5. - Rachel, married Dr. J. W. Blackburn. Had a daughter:
 - i. Roxana Blackburn, married _____ M'Creary, and lived in Springfield, Illinois, in May, 1909.
6. - James H., married Mary Brant. Served in the Union Army during the Civil War, enlisting from Westmoreland Co., Penn. Afterwards was a general dealer in stock.
7. - Robert Jamison, married Anna K. Beamer, a daughter of Adam Beamer. Owned and operated the "old McConaughey farm" originally cleared and improved by his grandfather, James McConaughy, in 1788. Had 7 children:
 - i. Emma C.
 - ii. Wilbur H.
 - iii. Byer Beamer
 - iv. Mary T.
 - v. Frank
 - vi. Anna C.
 - vii. Laura
8. - John C., named for John C. Callender. Married Elizabeth Brant.
9. - Frank, named for Dr. Francis M. McConaughy, the columnist. Served in the Union Army during the Civil War, was twice wounded at the 2nd Battle of Bull Run, and died on the field.

The following are the 11 children of John McConnaughey (1783-1870) and his wife Margaret McCurdy. He was the 2nd child of James McConaughy (1747-1828) who was the oldest child of David McConnaughey (d. 1814) who with his wife Jane (Platt) McConnaughey emigrated to America about 1750 from County Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland, and settled in Path Valley, then in Cumberland, now in Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) Jane

Born in 1810 on the Two Lick farm in Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

Died Oct. 8, 1903, at her home in Livermore, Penn.

Married Major Samuel Nesbitt on June 3, 1830. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland and came to Indiana Co., Penn. with his father, John Nesbitt. (*History of Indiana Co., Penn.: 1745-1880. Newark, Ohio, J. A. Caldwell, 1880, p. 435. Copy in Minn. Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn: F157 f.13C2*) He had a good farm 4 miles east of Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Penn. He died in 1876.

Had 11 children, 3 dying in infancy; the rest were:

- 1 – Margaret Nesbitt, married W. J. Coleman.
- 2 – Melinda Nesbitt, married John Henderson.
- 3 – Rev. J. Harvey Nesbitt, a Presbyterian minister. Married Agnes Ross.
- 4 – Samuel Nesbitt, born in 1837. Married (1) Agnes Fulton; (2) Elizabeth Lowman.
- 5 – Nancy J. Nesbitt, married A. C. Walker.
- 6 – Eva Nesbitt, married E. O. Coleman.
- 7 – Robert Nesbitt, died before 1880.
- 8 – Belle Nesbitt.

(2) James

Born in 1811 on the Two Lick Creek farm in Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

Died after 1892 in York, Nebraska, where he is buried.

Married Harriet Shallenberger on May 23, 1844, at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn. She was born Oct. 29, 1822, at Mount Pleasant, and died at York Nebraska, where she is buried.

Dr. James McConaughy first learned a trade, then went to Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., where he graduated in 1845. He settled in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn., where he practiced medicine for 46 years, retiring about 1891 to York, Nebraska, where 3 of his children lived.

Had 5 children:

- 1 – Arabella, died at age of 5 years.
- 2- John Edmond, died in 1882 at the age of 25 years.
- 3 – Robert, a physician, practiced in York, Nebraska. Married Floy Lawrence at her home in Sioux Rapids, Iowa. She was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. Y. Lawrence of Sioux Rapids, and had been head of the Music Dep't. of York College, York, Nebraska, for 3 years before her marriage.
- 4 – Daughter (?), who married G. W. Post, of York, Nebraska.
- 5 – Idalette, married _____ Woods, of York, Nebraska.

(3) FRANCIS McCONNELL

Born March 8, 1813, in Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn

Died Dec. 18, 1893, of grippe, at his home in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn.

Married Sophia A. Lobinger of Laurelville, Penn.

She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Lobinger, and granddaughter of John and Sophia (Myers) Lobinger.

Dr. Francis M. McConaughy graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn. in 1846; then practiced medicine in West Newton, Penn., Ashland, Ohio, Blairsville, Penn., and in Mount Pleasant, Penn. the last 5 years of his life. Was one of the most widely known physicians in Ligonier Valley; and was the author of "Old Time Recollections", a column in the Ligonier Penn. "Echo". Had no children.

(4) JOHN McCURDY

Born in 1814 in Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

Died Nov. 10, 1869, in Rochelle, Ogle Co., Illinois, where he is buried.

Married Mary N. Porter in 1844. She was the daughter of Judge William Porter of Pittsburgh, Penn., and was born March 26, 1817, in Pittsburgh. She died Jan. 24, 1903, at Rochelle, Illinois.

Was a Presbyterian minister, holding pastorates for 6 years in Kentucky until compelled to give up the ministry because of serious throat trouble. He then attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., graduating in 1850. He and his family then went west to Lindenwood, Illinois, which was still wild country on the edge of a vast forest, where he practiced until 1854, when they removed to Rochelle, Ogle Co., Ill. He gradually gave up medical practice and entered the grain business, building a warehouse in Rochelle under the firm name of Mallery and McConaughy. His family remained in Rochelle after his death. Had 6 children: Emma J., James O., John Francis, George M., Robert Edwin, and Margaret Maud.

(5) NANCY (TWIN)

Born about 1819, in Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

Married Robert Brown in the summer of 1837, when 18 years old.

(6) ISABELLA (TWIN)

Born about 1819, in Centre Twp., Indiana Co., Penn.

Married William Coleman in the summer of 1837, when 18 years old.

(7) MARY ANN

Married John Bell of Derry, Westmoreland Co., Penn., on June 17, 1846.

They eventually moved to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She died Jan 12, 1893. They had 7 children, 2 dying in infancy. One daughter married J. F. Houseman.

(8) MARTHA M.

Married Judge W. Boyd Cummins.

(9) DAVID WILLIAM

Born Feb. 13, 1816, in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Penn.

Died Aug. 10, 1900, at Latrobe, Penn.

Married Anna Brown Feb. 4, 1863, the daughter of James Logan Brown of Madison, Ohio, "who died Oct. 26, 1895, at East Liverpool, Ohio, in the 82nd year of his age." (F.M.McC.)

Graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., in 1858, settling in Latrobe, Penn., where he practiced medicine until his death. He was a member, and the treasurer, of the Westmoreland County Medical Association, and a member of the State Medical Society, of Pennsylvania, and an elder in the Presbyterian church. Was a Republican. Had no children.

(10) ROBERT

Born in 1818, in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Penn.

Died Oct. 19, 1851, at Saltsburg, Penn.

Unmarried

Graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Penn., in 1849, and settled in Saltsburg, Penn., where he practiced until his death.

(11) MELINDA

Born in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland Co., Penn.

Married John Lloyd Shallenberger on Aug. 10, 1852. He was a merchant in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Penn., where they lived.

Had 4 children:

1 – Daughter who married J. W. Rabe, of Philadelphia, Penn.

2 – Frank L. Shallenberger, born in 1855 at Mount Pleasant, Penn.

Died Jan 8, 1908. Was in the insurance business in Pittsburgh, Penn. Married twice: (1) Ida M. Over, daughter of Emanuel Over of Callensburg, Penn.

Had 1 son:

i. John Shallenberger

- Married (2) May Agnes Kirk, in July 1906, who had no children.
3 – Daughter who married W. A. Hindman of Clarion, Penn.
4 – Estella Shallenberger.

The following are the 6 children of John McCurdy McConaughy (1814-1869) and his wife Mary N. Porter. He was the 4th child of John McConaughy (1783-1870) who was the 2nd child of James McConaughy (1747-1828) who was the oldest child of David McConaughy, Sr. (d. 1814) who with his wife Jane Platt, emigrated to America in 1750 from Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland, settled in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Pa.

(1) EMMA J.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Married Charles O. Longenecker of Rochelle, Ill., on June 23, 1866. He was born Dec. 1, 1838, near Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa., and came to Rochelle in 1861. Was owner of a drygoods, clothing, and house furnishings store in Rochelle where they lived. Had a son:

Clyde C.

(2) JAMES ORLANDO

Born April 7, 1846, in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Died Sept. 20, 1914, in Rochelle, Ill., where he is buried.

Married Amelia A. Gardhouse on Feb. 16, 1876. She was born in 1853 in Canada.

Was a real estate, loan and insurance broker in Rochelle, Ill. Served in the 140th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Co. H, in the Civil War.

Had 6 children:

- 1 - Edward Leon, born April 13, 1880, at Rochelle, Ill. Married Ina Grace Bothwell on May 20, 1911, at Salt Lake City, Utah, where Her father E. L. McC's uncle, Robert E. McConaughy, were Partners in a real estate firm. She was born March 18, 1884, at Stromsberg, Nebraska, the daughter of Glenn Robert Bothwell, who had his given name from Robert Glenn. E. L. McConaughy is an attorney, a graduate of the University of Illinois Law School. Lives in La Grange, Ill. (1952)
Had 2 children:

- i. John Bothwell, born March 1, 1912, at Rochelle, Ill. Is Associate Professor of Political Science at the U. of South Carolina, Columbia. So. Carolina. Holds the degree of Philosophy. Married Anna (now called

Nancy) Gage Person on June 8, 1936, at Port Gibson Mississippi.

Had 1 child:

a – Ann Gage, born Oct. 6, 1937, at Decatur, Mississippi.

ii. James Glenn, born Feb. 19, 1914, at Rochelle, Ill.

Married May Ferguson, of Pontiac, Michigan, in February, 1949, at Yokahoma, Japan, where she was the highest ranking member of the Woman's Signal Corps, U.S. Army. James G. McConaughy is a Major in the U.S. Army, having served both in World War II in the China-Burma-India theatre, and with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea from July, 1950, to Feb. 1951, when he was transferred to the Army's Judge Advocate's section in the Pentagon. Received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for combat service in Korea. Is a graduate of Loyola U., Chicago, Ill. where he received his law degree. Had established a law practice in Chicago before induction into the Army.

2. Frank Harold, born Jan. 3, 1883, at Rochelle, Ill. Died Jan. 16, 1907, while attending Northwestern University.

3. David W, born at Rochelle, Ill. Died in infancy.

4. Grace M, born at Rochelle, Ill, where she lives (1951). Married Clarence M. Tilton.

5. James, born at Rochelle, Ill., and died in infancy.

6. Ada J., born in Rochelle, Ill. Married Philip W. May, who died Mar. 1950. Has 3 children:

i. Barbara May, married Neil Avery, and lives in Austin, Minn. (1951) where he is employed by the Hormel Packing Co.

Has 1 child, born in June 1952.

ii. Philip W. May, Jr., married Jeanne Lingenfelter, and has 3 children: Philip W., 3rd, James, and Deborah.

iii. Mary Margaret May, married John Turkington in Hawaii, near the close of World War II; now lives in Rochelle, Ill. Has 2 daughters.

(3) JOHN FRANCIS

Born March 2, 1852, in Lindenwood, Ogle Co., Illinois.

Died Jan 19, 1933, in Rochelle, Ogle Co., Ill. Where he is buried next to his brother, George M. McConaughy.

Married Nellie Woods about 1888, in York, Nebraska. She was a sister of The Mr. Woods who married Idalette McConaughy. (See page 30)
Was engaged in the lumber and coal business in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Had 2 daughters:

- 1 – Marguerite, unmarried; lives in Los Angeles, California (1951).
- 2 – Editha Jane, married Harry I. Gillogly, of Wilmette, Ill. Has 2 children:
Harry I., Jr., who has 2 or 3 children; and Nancy, who married Alfred Huettel on May 5, 1951.

(4) GEORGE MARSHALL

Born October 17, 1856, in Rochelle, Illinois.

Died Dec. 28, 1931, in Rochelle, Ill., where he is buried in the family lot.

Married (1) Kate Craft in 1882, at Rochelle, Ill. She was the daughter of Joseph V. Craft of Rochelle, and died shortly after the birth of her son on Nov. 19, 1883, at Osceola, Nebraska. Married (2) _____ in Nebraska, who also had an only son.

George M. McConaughy graduated from the old Chicago University in 1877 at the top of his class: in Nebraska held the rank of captain in the State Militia; and was a member of the State Legislature. Later moved to Colorado, where he was State Superintendent of Insurance for Colorado.

Had 2 children:

- 1 - Joseph Edwin, born Nov. 19, 1883, at Osceola, Neb. Was raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Craft, of Rochelle, Ill. Attended Morgan Park Military Academy; then was employed in various business capacities; later, with his cousins, forming the Craft, McConaughy, and Wolcott firm. Eventually became a real estate dealer at LaGrange, Ill., where he died Oct. 31, 1951. Was active in civic affairs. Married Harriet Colburn in 1908 in Chicago, who died March 12, 1951 at LaGrange, Ill., where she is buried.

Had 2 children:

- i. Joseph Colburn, born about 1918 in LaGrange, Ill. Married "Bertie" Krause of Brookfield, Ill., about 1945. Is a real estate dealer in Brookfield, Ill., where his 2 children were born: Joseph Colburn, Jr., and Robert John.
- ii. William C., born about 1922 in LaGrange, Ill. Married Gayle Clarke in May, 1950, at Western Springs, Ill. Is also a real estate dealer in business with his brother. Lives in Brookfield, Ill., where his child was born: in Sept. 1951: James Clarke.

- 2 - John, born in Nebraska; died at the age of 17.

(6) ROBERT EDWIN

Born April 15, 1859, at Rochelle, Illinois.

Died in May, 1924, at Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is buried.

Married Nora Lossee about 1887 in Stromsburg, Nebraska. Was engaged in real estate, mining, and irrigation in Salt Lake City, Utah. Had 2 children:

1 – Gladys, born about 1892. Died in Sept., 1951, in California.

Married twice: (1) Duncan Richert, (2) S. V. R. Gros.

Had two children:

i. Robert Gros, in 1952 publicity manager for the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., of San Francisco, Cal.

ii. Daughter, who is married to a Naval officer.

2 – Robert Edwin, Jr., born in 1898 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Married twice: (1) Virginia _____, from Texas, who died childless; (2) _____ Johnson, in Salt Lake City, where she died shortly after her husband's death in 1924, and is also buried there. Had 2 children: Robert Edwin, 3rd, born in Salt Lake City, Utah and a Daughter who married _____ Clarke.

(7) MARGARET MAUD

Born in 1861, at Rochelle, Ill., mar. John Tweed Neilson, of Peoria, Ill., and has a son:

Harry Neilson.

The following are the 5 children of David McConnaughey, Jr. (d. 1814) and his wife Margaret Davidson. He was the 2nd child of David McConnaughey and Jane Platt, his wife, who emigrated to America from Londonderry, North Ireland, in 1750 and settled in Path Valley, then in Cumberland, now Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) ISABELLE

Born in either Franklin or Venango Counties, Penn., after 1790. Died presumably in or near Mercer, Penn. Lived to be 99. Married _____ Love, of Mercer, Penn. Had 3 children: Margaret, Isabel, and David.

(2) PEGGY (MARGARET)

Born after 1790 in either Franklin or Venango Counties, Penn.

Died probably in Poland, Mahoning Co., Ohio, where she was last heard of.

Married John McGill, Jr., of Poland, Ohio. He was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, John McGill, who came from Penn. in 1800 and bought 200 acres where the village of Lowellville, Poland Twp., Mahoning Co., Ohio, now stands, and built the 1st grist mill at Lowellville, which was run by his sons until the Pennsylvania-Ohio Canal was built in 1839. He had 6 sons and several daughters. (*History of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, Ohio. 1882. 2Vol. V2, p. 59 & 71. DAR Official Roster (1929) of the Soldiers of the American Revolution buried in the State of Ohio, V2, p. 240*). Peggy's husband, John McGill, Jr., is listed in

the “Federal Census of 1820, Ohio: under Poland Twp., Trumbull Co., of page 95, as being between 16-26 years old, his wife in the same age bracket, and having a daughter under 10 years old.

Had 2 children: Jane (who married _____ Reed, of Poland Ohio., where they lived and had a daughter), and David McGill, who also lived in Poland, Ohio.

(3) BETSY (ELIZABETH)

Born in either Franklin or Venango Counties, Penn.

Died (?)

Married: John Currey, or Curry.

(4) ____ ? _____

Born in either Franklin or Venango Counties, Penn. Died young, leaving a widower, Tommy Brannon.

(5) DAVID PLATT

Born Nov. 14, 1805, in Venango Co., Penn.

Died Jan. 9, 1900, at his home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, and is buried in the family lot in the “Old Cemetery”, Washington, Iowa.

Married Catharine Thomson on Sept. 29, 1830, at Mt. Jackson, Mercer Co., Penn. She was the daughter of Capt. Alexander and Rebecca (Smith)

Thomson, and was born June 10, 1805, on her father’s farm in Pulaski Twp., Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn. Capt. Alexander Thomson was a veteran of the War of 1812, and the son of a veteran of the Revolutionary War, Robert Thomson. Catharine (Thomson) McConnaughey died Oct. 4, 1888 at her home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, and is buried beside her husband.

David Platt McConnaughey was named for his father, David, and Platt for his father’s mother, Jane Platt. In 1808, when he was not quite 3 years old, the family moved to Little Beaver Twp., Beaver Co., Penn., near the Ohio line. It is probable that the land had to be cleared and a cabin built, since the county had only been erected in 1800. Here the family remained but during the War of 1812—in 1814 since Beaver Co. men were not called out until the lake frontier was threatened in that year (*Hist. of Beaver Co., Penn. 1888, p. 285*) --- the father, David McConnaughey enlisted and went to Erie with the rest of the militia, dying a few months later of the fever which carried off so many of the poorly equipped troops. Margaret (Davidson) McConnaughey remained on the farm in Beaver County. According to her granddaughter, Elizabeth (McConnaughey) West, she remarried, but if so the name of her 2nd husband has not been preserved, and she remained on the McConnaughey farm till David Platt McConnaughey was grown.

When David Platt McConnaughey was 20, he went to learn the latter’s trade with

Jacob Courtney of Darlington, Penn. After 3 years apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman hatter for about 2 years. In 1829 he went into partnership with Robert Tait in the hatting business at Mt. Jackson, Mercer Co., Penn., where he remained for another 2 years. (*Hist. of Washington Co., Iowa. Des Moines Union Hist. Co. 1880. p. 654*) "Mt. Jackson village had been laid out by John Nesbit on his share of the old farm about 1815. Robert Tait came to Mt. Jackson about 1831 and in 1835 opened a tavern: he also carried on the hatting business...Mr. Tait carried it on a number of years, making several varieties of hats from fur to silk.

Journeyman hatters were always kept at work; for 1 year David McConahy worked at the business with Mr. Tait." (*Mercer Co., Penn. Hist. 1888, p. 284*)

In 1832 David P. McConnaughey moved with his wife and children to New Bedford, Mercer Co., Penn., where he started making hats on his own account; however, factories began to take over the manufacture of hats, so in 1850 he sold his business and went to farming. In 1853 they moved to Lee Co., Iowa, living near Demark, where the older children attended the well known Academy. Two years later, in 1855, they moved to Washington Co., Iowa, where they settled permanently on a farm in Franklin Twp. In 1880 (*according to the Hist. of Washington Co. p. 654*) they owned a well improved farm of 200 acres. Some of this acreage and improvement was due to his father's army service in 1814. After his father's death on active duty, his mother had received a widow's grant of 160 acres of land in N.E. Missouri, but being ignorant of how to realize on it, did nothing. Sometime after the death of her father in 1840, David P.

McConnaughey's wife Catharine Thomson received \$300.00 from her father's estate, which she gave to her husband to use in buying out the interest of the other heirs, his sisters, (who had remained in Pennsylvania) in this Missouri land grant. This he did, but the Civil War delayed matters, and it was not until after 1865 that he was able to go to Missouri to locate the land. He spent 2 sessions of court in Missouri, since, when the tract was located, it was found that for 25 years another man had lived on it and improved it. After some litigation the government decided that the land belonged to the heirs of David McConnaughey and a settlement was arranged: the squatter buying the land of D. P. McConnaughey, who paid him for his improvements. The cash balance, \$3000.00, was used to build a large new home for the McConnaughey family, and to buy a 2nd farm in Franklin Twp.

In the family lot in the "Old Cemetery" in Washington, Iowa, are buried beside David P. and Catharine McConnaughey, their sons Alexander James and John Thomson, the latter's wife Lucetta, as well as 2 of the latter's children, John M., and Baby William. The inscription on the large monument is as follows:

McConnaughey

David P.

Nov. 14, 1805 – Jan. 9, 1900

Catharine

June 10, 1805 – Oct. 4, 1888

John T
.Feb. 8, 1842 – April 14, 1900

John M.
Feb. 23, 1890 – July 27, 1900

Baby William
June 17, 1888

David Platt McConnaughey and his wife had 9 children: Emily Jane, Rebecca, Alexander James, David Smith, Margaret Isabell, John Thomson, William Nesbit, Samuel Davidson, and Elizabeth Ellen.

The following are the 9 children of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900) and his wife, Catharine Thomson. He was the 5th child of David McConnaughey, Jr.. (d. 1814) who was the 2nd child of David & Jane (Platt) McConnaughey, who emigrated to America from Londonderry, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, then in Cumberland, now Franklin County, Penn.

(1) EMILY JANE

Born Dec. 28, 1831, at Mt. Jackson, Lawrence Co., Penn.

Died Oct. 14, 1852, at Yantlo, Penn.

Was a school teacher. Became engaged to Dr. _____ Eberhardt, a dentist, but died shortly before the date set for the wedding. Dr. Eberhardt, however, always considered himself one of the family.

(2) REBECCA

Born July 1, 1833, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.

Died Sept. 2, 1870, of typhoid fever, at Cambridge, then in Frontier Co., Nebraska, where she is buried.

Married Cyril C. Newton, on Sept. 6, 1859, at her home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, the Rev. C. E. Gates officiating. Cyril Newton was born at Norwich, Vermont, about 1840, and lived to be 60 years of age. He was the oldest son of George Newton, who had 6 children, and was also born and lived in Norwich, Vermont, and fought in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Timothy Bush, around Royalton, Vermont. (*Information given by Eve Elizabeth (Smith) Anderson, 1309 Hyde St., San Francisco, California*)

Rebecca McConnaughey attended Denmark Academy at Denmark, Lee Co., Iowa.

for about 2 years, 1853-1855, while her parents lived in the vicinity, moving with them in 1855 to Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa. Shortly after her marriage she and her husband moved overland to Nebraska, where they homesteaded in Frontier County. She had 4 children: Adria, Emily, George, and Mary.

(3) ALEXANDER JAMES

Born June 28, 1835, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.

Died Dec. 26, 1873, at the age of 38 from appendicitis, at his home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa. Is buried in the McConnaughey family lot in the "Old Cemetary", Washington, Iowa.

Married Emily Sophronia Baker on March 11, 1857, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Robert Hunter, at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Julia (Baker) Frame and William Frame, in Clay, Washington Co., Iowa. Clay at that time being a village and a post office. Emily Baker was the daughter of Simeon and Elizabeth (Ziegler) Baker, and was born July 2, 1835, in Ellsworth Twp., Trumbull Co., Ohio. After the death of her mother at Clay during the cholera epidemic of 1854, she lived with the Frames. She remained on her husband's farm after his death, until about 1891, when she sold it, and moved with her son to Winona, Minnesota, where her daughter and son-in-law lived. Here she remained until her death at the age of almost 94 at the home of her son, Frank, on June 29, 1931. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetary, Winona, Minnesota.

Alex McConnaughey moved with his parents from Pennsylvania to Lee Co., Iowa, in 1853, and while they were learning farming, he attended Denmark Academy, Denmark, Iowa. In 1855 they moved to Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, where they, and he, remained. In the 1st years, while getting the new farm started, they raised broom corn, made brooms, and sold them to get cash. William Frame of Clay, also raised broom corn, and hired Alex to help make brooms for sale, and while attending the county fair, Alex met the Frame family, including the sister-in-law, Emily Baker, and it was a case of love at first sight. Later he had his own farm, next to his father's, and here he built his house. He had 2 children: Frank Baker, and Eva Josephine.

(4) DAVID SMITH

Born July 8, 1837, in New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.

Died in 1920, and is buried in Woodlawn Haven Cemetary, Washington, Iowa, in the Terry lot.

Married M. Josephine Terry, on Oct. 31, 1867, at her home in Washington, Iowa. The Rev. J. E. Cross officiating. She was born in 1847, the daughter of J.L.L. Terry, a harness maker and county official, who was born March 19, 1817, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and died in 1894 in Washington, Iowa, and of Sarah J. (Mounts) Terry (1823-1901). Josephine Terry McConnaughey died in 1932, and is buried beside her husband.

David S. McConnaughey moved with his parents to Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa in 1855. When the Civil War began he enlisted in the 11th Iowa Infantry, Co. F

But received a medical discharge on Jan. 28, 1862. Later he re-enlisted and served in The Quartermaster's Corps, 30th Iowa Infantry, Co. K, becoming Quartermaster Sergeant on Oct. 12, 1862. He was at the siege of Vicksburg from about January, 1863, to the city's surrender on July 4, 1863. He was also at the siege of Richmond. (*Authority; his leggers from Vicksburg, dated Feb. 3, 1863 and July 12, 1863; and the "History of Washington Co., Iowa, pub. 1880. p. 474)* After the war he studied medicine and became a physician and surgeon, practicing at Riverside, Iowa (1880) and later at Wayland, Henry Co., Iowa. He had 4 children: Bajazetta, Harry David, James Terry, and Grace.

(5) MARGARET ISABELL

Born Sept. 5, 1839, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.
Died Aug. 15, 1845, of diphtheria, 3 weeks before her 6th birthday, at her home in New Bedford, Penn. Is buried at New Bedford, Penn.

(6) JOHN THOMSON

Born Feb. 8, 1842, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.
Died April 14, 1900, in the McConnaughey homestead, Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa. Is buried in the McConnaughey lot in the "Old Cemetery", Washington Iowa.

Married Lucetta Ursula Mills on May 17, 1877, at her home in West Chester, Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, the Rev. Parley B. West officiating. She was the daughter of Manning M. Mills, born in Gustavus Twp., Trumbull Co., Ohio, in 1821, and of Ursula F. Mills, born in Ohio in 1819. Manning Mills was a dairyman and farmer, the son of Harlow Mills who is listed in the 1820 Federal Census for Ohio as living in Gustavus Twp., Trumbull Co., Ohio; being from 26-45 years of age, his wife in the same age bracket, and having 3 children under 10 years old, 1 son from 16-18, and 1 16-26, which might be the same son listed as 16-18. Manning Mills and his wife moved from Ohio in 1842 to Iowa, and in July of that year was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church of Clay Twp. (*Federal Census for Ohio, 1820, p. 48; 1856 Census of Washington Co., Iowa, Vol. 66, p. 192, in the Iowa State Historical Library in Des Moines, and the History of Washington Co., Iowa. 1880 p. 570*) Lucetta Ursula (Mills) was born in 1851 in Clay Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, received her education At Denmark Academy in Denmark, Lee Co., Iowa, as did her brother the Rev. Harlow Mills; and died March 9, 1944, at the Iowa Soldiers' Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. She is buried in the McConnaughey lot in the "Old Cemetery", Washington, Iowa. After her husband's death she lived for years in Benzonia, Michigan, and later in Claremont, California, until she grew too feeble to live alone.

John McConnaughey moved to Iowa with his parents in 1853, and was educated in the public schools of Washington County. He enlisted July 28, 1861, in the 7th Iowa Infantry, Co. C., later being transferred to Co. H., (*History of Washington Co., Iowa, pp. 459, 560-2*) with the rank of drum major. He was in 12 battles, including

Sherman's March to the Sea, and was wounded, from the effects of which he eventually died. Was a farmer, and lived on the McConnaughey homestead, which he operated. Had 5 children: Ralph Otis, Harlow Alexander, Grace Elizabeth, William, and John Mills.

(7) WILLIAM NESBIT

Born Nov. 8, 1843, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.
Died July 22, 1864, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and is buried in La Fayette Cemetery. William Nesbit McConnaughey was named for the Rev. William Nesbit, a popular Presbyterian minister at New Bedford, Penn. He moved to Iowa with his parents in 1853, and was educated in the public schools of Washington County. He enlisted "Aug. 9, 1862, in the 19th Iowa Infantry ranking as a musician and hospital steward. He took part in the Battle of Pea Ridge. When New Orleans surrendered to Gen. Ben Butler and the city was organized under the Federal Government, William N. McConnaughey was assigned to do clerical work, being ill and unfit for camp duty. When he died of fever, his body was followed to the grave by members of his company, who, being paroled from prison had just arrived in the city."
(History of Washington Co., Iowa. P. 489)

(8) SAMUEL DAVIDSON

Born Dec. 18, 1846, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.
Died Oct. 31, 1898, at Rogers Arkansas.
Married Clara Evelyn White on Nov. 28, 1883, at Brighton, Washington Co., Iowa. She was born Sept. 23, 1850, at Martinsville, Ohio, the daughter of William V. White of Martinsville, and when 5 years old moved with her parents to Brighton, Washington Co., Iowa. Was educated in the public schools of Washington County, and was married at her home in Brighton on Thanksgiving evening. She died at Rogers, Arkansas, Nov. 18, 1941.
Samuel Davidson McConnaughey moved with his parents to Iowa in 1853, and was educated in the public schools of Washington County, though crippled by a childhood fall. Became a dentist. Some years after his marriage they moved to Rogers, Arkansas, on account of his health, and remained there.
They had 4 children: Addison Ross, Charles Alexander, Roy White, and Thelma Elizabeth.

(9) ELIZABETH ELLEN

Born April 13, 1849, at New Bedford, Mercer, now Lawrence Co., Penn.
Died Aug. 26, 1946, at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Grand Island, Nebraska. Is buried at Ainsworth, Nebraska, beside her husband.
Married the Rev. Parley Brown West at her home in Franklin Twp.,

Washington Co., Iowa, on Sept. 17, 1873. He was the son of Cornelius and Margaret (Major) West, and was born on June 25, 1843, at Coal Run, Mercer Co., Ohio. He served as a soldier during the Civil War in the 65th Illinois Volunteer Regiment, enlisting at Rock Island, Illinois, since his family had moved there in 1855. As a result of his war service suffered broken health for years. At the time of his marriage, was pastor of the Franklin Congregational Church, in Washington Co., Iowa. He held pastorates in Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, and Nebraska, and was for a time assistant editor of the Congregational magazine, "The Advance" in Chicago, Ill. He died Jan. 21, 1923, at Ainsworth, Nebraska where he is buried. Elizabeth McConnaughey was the family historian. She wrote the anecdotal "McConnaughey Family", and accumulated and preserved what family records time, fire, and neglect had spared, making this more extended genealogy possible. Throughout her life she kept up a vast and spirited correspondence with the whole McConnaughey clan, and was truly a remarkable woman. She had 2 children: Katharine Lucetta, and Margaret Major.

The following are the 4 children of Rebecca McConnaughey (1833-1870) and her husband Cyril C. Newton. She was the 2nd child of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900) who was the 5th child of David McConnaughey (d. 1814), the 2nd child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey who emigrated to America from Londonderry, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, Cumberland, now Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) ADRIA LOUELLA NEWTON

Born July 31, 1857, at Washington, Iowa.

Died Feb. 14, 1938, at Lake View, Iowa, where she is buried.

Married Alexander B. Lindsey on Jan 8, 1874. He was born Feb. 14, 1851, at Washington, Iowa, and died Aug. 24, 1937, at Lake View, Iowa, where he is buried. He was a farmer in early life, homesteading in western Kansas, 1885-1901. then for years ran a dray line in Fall River, Kansas, before retiring to Lake View, Iowa.

They had 1 child:

- 1 - Abigail Josephine Lindsey, born Aug. 22, 1879, at Audubon, Iowa.

Married Alfred Henry Kelch on March 28, 1906, at Fall River, Kansas.

He was the son of Jacob and Rhoda (Sayre) Kelch, Jacob Kelch being a farmer, and was born Sept. 25, 1879, at West Branch, Iowa. Rhoda (Sayre) Kelch belonged to the Sayre family who figured prominently in the early history of Long Island, Manhattan, etc., in New York, and of which there is a published genealogy. Had 4 children:

- i. Adria Kelch, born Jan. 10, 1908, at Lake View, Iowa.

Married Murray R. Kimbell on June 1, 1932. He was killed a few years later in an automobile accident, and she now lives in Grinnell, Iowa, where she is in charge of the Alumni Office of Grinnell College.

Had 1 child:

- a – Richard M. Kimball, born Oct. 29, 1934, at Denison, Iowa.

- ii. Winifred Kelch, born July 18, 1910, at Lake View, Iowa.
Married Carl E. Gleysteen on Dec. 25, 1940. Lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where her husband is a realtor.
Has 2 children:
 - a – Peter Von Gleysteen, born June 21, 1942, at Skokie, Illinois.
 - b – John Christian Gleysteen, born Oct. 5, 1945, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- iii. Pauline Kelch, born Jan. 30, 1912, at Lake View, Iowa. Married Robert S. Reugnitz on April 22, 1933. Lives at Dubuque, Iowa, where her husband is a druggist. Has no children.
- iv. Alfred Henry Kelch, Jr., born Feb. 28, 1918, at Lake View, Iowa. Married Lois Duerr on Oct. 23, 1944. Lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he is an inventor and manufacturer.
Has no children.

(2) EMILY LOUISE NEWTON

Born Oct. 12, 1861, on a farm in Frontier Co., Nebraska.

Died March 22, 1932, in San Francisco, California, where she is buried.

Married Isaac Connolly Smith on Oct. 1, 1881, in Frontier Co., Nebraska. He was the son of John A. and Elizabeth (Gregg) Smith, and was born July 7, 1861, in St. Joseph, Missouri, and died March 22, 1924, at Mountain View, Missouri. Both he and his father were farmers. Had 2 children:

- 1 – Cyrel Connolly Smith, born Oct. 1, 1882, in Donophan Co., Kansas.

Died July 22, 1948, at Sand Springs, Oklahoma, where he is buried. He had no settled occupation, was at one time a street car conductor, later was an engineer in an electric plant. Following a stroke was an invalid for years. Married Beatrice Gillespie on June 15, 1908, in Los Angeles Co., California. Had 1 child:

- i – Carroll Connolly Smith Lampe. His father and mother were divorced in 1915 in Los Angeles Co., California, the mother retaining custody of the son. He was subsequently adopted by his mother's 2nd husband, Fred Lampe; consequently the end of Emily Louise (Newton) Smith's line is Carroll Connolly Lampe. He married twice: (1) Neola McGinnis in June, 1929, being divorced in 1934, married (2) Alma Parker on Jan 26, 1935, in Los Angeles Co., California. He is a contracting hardwood floor installer

Has 3 children:

- a – Robert Connolly Lampe, born Feb. 2, 1932, of the 1st marriage.
- b – Mary Kathleen Lampe, born Dec. 1, 1936, in Santa Barbara, California
- c – Carole Anne Lampe, born April 14, 1939, in Santa Barbara, Californis

- 2 – Eva Elizabeth Smith, born Nov. 18, 1883, at White Cloud Donophan Co., Kansas. Married (1) Benjamin J. Fink on Oct. 15, 1908.

Married (2) August Anderson on June 23, 1923, who died Dec. 3, 1939.
There were no children by either marriage. Mrs. Eva E. (Smith) Anderson
lives in San Francisco, California (1950).

(3) GEORGE NEWTON

Born in Frontier Co., Nebraska.

Died about 1930 in Oklahoma, where he is buried.

Married Mazie N. Kleese in Washington, Iowa. She was a daughter of Isaac and Emma F. (Gortner) Kleese, a farmer of West Chester, Washington Co., Iowa. She died in Oklahoma, where she is buried. After his marriage in Iowa, George Newton and his wife moved to Oklahoma, where they settled. They had 2 children:

1 – Isaac Newton, lives in, or near Granite, Oklahoma. (1950)

2 – Ralph Newton, lives in, or near Granite, Oklahoma. (1950)

(4) MARY NEWTON

Born Dec. 29, 1864, in Frontier Co., Nebraska.

Died (?)

Married Robert Lee Badger (always called Lee), who was born Oct. 12, 1862, at Memphis, Tennessee, the son of William and Harriet (Miller) Badger. He was left an orphan when small and was reared by an aunt in Terre Haute, Indiana. He had a brother, William Badger, as well as another brother, and 4 sisters, names unknown.

He was a farmer and a dairyman most of his life, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. After spending many years in Kansas, he moved to Washington, Iowa, in 1892, and after his marriage he and his wife moved to Oregon where they spent 20 years, returning to Iowa in 1920. After 1926 they lived in Washington, Iowa. He died Aug. 3, 1950, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Washington, Iowa. Mary Newton attendee Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, and later did some fiction writing. She had no children.

The following are the 2 children of Alexander James McConnaughey (1835-1873) and his wife Emily Sophronia Baker. He was the 3rd child of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900), who was the 5th child of David McConnaughey, Jr. (D.1814), the 2nd child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey who emigrated to America from Londonderry, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, Cumberland, now Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) FRANK BAKER

Born Nov. 7, 1859, in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa. Died Nov. 7, 1949, at Winona, Minnesota. Is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona, Minnesota.

Married Myrtilla W. Torrance on June 22, 1904, at her home in Winona, Minnesota. She was born Nov. 3, 1877, at Hillsdale, Winona Co., Minn., and later moved to Winona.

Frank B. McConnaughey was educated in the public schools of Washington Co., Iowa. Operated the farm after his father's death until he was about 25 year old, then traveled with Frank Brinton's Lecture Course for several years. About 1891 removed to Winona, Minnesota, where his sister and brother-in-law were living and went into the retail grocery business, operating his own store until his retirement in 1935. Had no children.

(2) EVA JOSEPHINE

Born Feb. 20, 1868, in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa. Died April 13, 1937, at her home in Tonkawood, Minnetonka Twp., Hennepin Co., Minnesota. Is buried in the Groveland Cemetary, Minnetonka Twp., Hennepin Co., Minnesota.

Married the Rev. Henry Arthur Risser on Oct. 8, 1890, at her mother's home in Franklin Twp., Washington Co., Iowa, the Rev. Parley B. West, her uncle, officiating. Mr. Risser was born Jan. 14, 1860, at Burlington, Iowa, the son of John and Mary (Hubner) Risser. He was a graduate of Denmark Academy, Denmark, Lee Co., Iowa, and of the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational); and held pastorates in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Oregon, and was for several years superintendent of the St. Paul, Minnesota, City Missions. He died Jan 23, 1945, in Mercy Hospital, Devils Lake, North Dakota, where he had been living with his son, the Rev. R. A. Risser. He is buried beside his wife in the Goveland Cemetary, Hennepin Co., Minn. Eva McConnaughey was named for "Eva" in "Uncle Tom's Cabin", and for her aunt, Josephine (Terry) McConnaughey. After graduating from the Washington, Iowa, Academy, she taught school until her marriage. She did some writing, when her husband was ill, or therwise absent, filled his pulpit efficiently and ably. She had 2 children:

- 1 – Josephine Risser, born April 10, 1894, at Winona, Minnesota. Graduated (1917) from the Wisconsin Library School of the University of Wisconsin, and was on the staff of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Public Library for 10 years. Married Guerdon Neil Bassett on May 31, 1924, in the Groveland Congregational Church, Groveland, Minnetonka Twp., Hennepin Co., Minn. He was born March 4, 1895, in Leroy Twp., Bremer Co., Iowa, the son of Hartwell Bassett and his wife Lejune Fay, and is descended from William Bassett who came to Plymouth Colony in 1621 on the ship Fortune. He is an accountant and auditor, and was head of the Accounts Payable Dept. of G. Sommers and Co., general wholesalers of St. Paul, Minn until that firm liquidated in 1942, since then he has been in government service as an auditor with the General Accounting Office. He served in the U.S. Army Ordnance Dept. during World War I. They had 1 child:
 - i. Neil Risser Bassett born May 16, 1928, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Graduated (1949) from the Univ. of Minnesota's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics, in the Division of Entomology and Economic Zoology, receiving a B. S.

in Wildlife Management. Received his M.S. in Wildlife Management from the Utah State Agricultural College's School of Forestry, at Logan, Utah in June, 1951. Is now (1951) serving in the U.S. Air Force.

2 - Richard Arthur Risser

Born May 31, 1906, at Winona, Minnesota. Married Mary Eleanor Hansen on Sept. 26, 1934, at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minn. She was born Oct. 19, 1906, at Browns Valley, Minn., the daughter of the Rev. Charles William and Mary Maud (Taylor) Hansen. He was a Presbyterian minister. Mary (Hansen) Risser is a graduate of Macalster College, St. Paul, Minn. with an M.S. from the University of Minnesota. Was a laboratory technician at Mounds Park Hospital, St. Paul, Minn. before her marriage. Richard A. Risser is a Presbyterian minister, a graduate of Macalster College, St. Paul, Minn., and of McCormick Theological Seminary (Presbyterian), Chicago, Ill. Served as a chaplain with the rank of Captain during World War II, in the European theatre, landing on Omaha Beach, Normandy, on D-Day-plus-6, and served with the 105th Medical Battalion and the 105th Combat Engineers thru France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Received the Bronze Star for "meretorious service and achievement...during a difficult period of military operations..." Since the war has held pastorates in Michigan.

Has 3 children:

- i. Lois Eleanor Risser, born July 17, 1936 at Bottineau, North Dakota.
- ii. Mary Eva Risser, born Sept. 14, 1938, at Bottineau, North Dakota
- iii. Charles Richard Risser, born April 10, 1942, at Devils Lake, North Dakota

The following are the 4 children of David Smith McConnaughey (1837-1920) and his wife M. Josephine Terry. He was the 4th child of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900), who was the 5th child of David McConnaughey (d. 1814), the 2nd child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey who emigrated to America in 1750 from Londonderry, Ulster, North Ireland, and settled in Path Valley, then in Cumberland Co., now in Frankling Co., Penn.

(1) BAJAZETTA

Born in 1870, at Riverside, Iowa.

Died Jan. 9, 1879, at Riverside, Iowa, where she is buried.

(2) HARRY DAVID

Born Oct. 9, 1872, at Riverside, Iowa.

Died Dec. 12, 1943, at New Orleans, Louisiana. Is buried in Memorial Park, Evanston, Illinois.

Married Mary Evangeline Williams on Nov. 18, 1908., at St. Louis, Missouri. She was always called “Dolly”, and was born Dec. 3, 1886, at Boston, Massachusetts, the daughter of a sea captain, Daniel Williams, and his wife Mary Elizabeth (Cochran) Williams. “Dolly” McConnaughey died Nov. 18, 1927, at Wilmette, Illinois, and is buried in Memorial Park, Evanston, Illinois.

Harry D. McConnaughey was an advertising executive in Chicago, Illinois, living in Wilmette, and Evanston, Illinois.

Had 2 children:

- 1 – Ruth Elaine, born June 16, 1913, at Chicago, Ill. Is not married; is a legal supervisor in Chicago, Illinois. Lives in Oak Park, Ill., (1951).
- 2 – Janet Louise, born Nov. 3, 1914, at Chicago, Ill. Married (1) Raymond Charles Neumann on Feb. 5, 1944, from whom she was divorced. Married (2) Kenneth D. Witham, of Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 24, 1951, at the Congregational Church of Oak Park, Illinois.

Has 1 child:

- i. Bonita Jean Neumann, born Dec. 17, 1945, at Oak Park, Illinois.

(3) JAMES TERRY

Born Feb. 1, 1876, at Marshall, now Wayland, Iowa.

Died June 18, 1947, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Married Olive Zickefoose, daughter of Western Summers and Martha Jane (Yancy) Zickefoose, of Olds, Iowa. Mr. Zickefoose was a farmer. Since her husband’s death, Olive Z. McConnaughey has lived in California with her daughter. James T.

McConnaughey was a physician and surgeon in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Had 2 children:

- 1 – Helen, born Aug. 27, 1905, at Olds, Iowa. Married E. E. Ogston, a U.S. Forest Ranger, at Cody, Wyoming on July 31, 1932. They now live in Death Valley, California (1950). Yellowstone Nat’l. Park, she is a writer of children’s stories.)
- 2 – James Terry, Jr., born Aug. 1, 1916, at Winfield, Iowa. Married Inez H. Jacobsen on Sept. 27, 1941, at Seattle, Washington. Served during World War II in the South West Pacific, entering the army as a private and making 2 commissioned field ratings; was a captain when discharged. Lives in Seattle, Washington (1950).

Has no children.

(4) GRACE (“GRACE DOC”)

Born May 13, 1885, at Avoca, Iowa.

Never married. Is a music instructor and orchestra director. At present on the faculty of Knoxville, Tennessee (1951), formerly directed orchestra, etc. in Illinois and Michigan.

The following are the 5 children of John Thomson McConnaughey (1842-1900) and his wife Lucetta Ursula Mills. He was the 6th child of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900), who was the 5th child of David McConnaughey, Jr., (d. 1814), the 2nd child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey who emigrated to America from Londonderry, Ulster, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, then in Cumberland Co., now in Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) RALPH OTIS

Born July 23, 1878, at Washington, Iowa.

Married Allie Irene Sewell on Oct. 2, 1907, at Denison, Iowa. She is the daughter of Luman A. and Almira (Wieting) Sewell, of Denison, Iowa.

Ralph O. McConnaughey is a dentist, having opened an office in June, 1904, at Denison, Iowa, where he has lived ever since.

Has 2 children:

1 – John Sewell, born July 3, 1909, at Denison, Iowa. Spent 2 years at Pomona College, Claremont, California, then completed work at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, where he graduated. Married (1) Alice Marburger of Douglas, Wyoming, on May 15, 1938, at Norfolk, Nebraska. She died 1940 at Eureka, California. Married (2) Mildren Harry, of Seattle, Washington, on Aug. 21, 1942, at Seattle. Previous to the war he was with Montgomery Ward and Co., in Nebraska, at San Jose, and Eureka, California, and at Denison, Iowa. Entered gov't service in Mar. 1942, at Seattle, Washington. Later served in the Merchant Marines, in the North and in the South Pacific, his ship being hit by a Japanese suicide bomber at Okinawa. Fortunately the ship was saved and no one lost. Now lives in Seattle, Washington, where he is with a wholesale hardware company (1950)

Has 1 child:

i. John Sewell, Jr., born Nov. 7, 1939, at San Jose, California.

2 – Harlow Mills, born Jan. 18, 1911, at Denison, Iowa. Attended Pomona College, Claremont, California, for 1 year, then completed his college work at Ames, Iowa, graduating from the Iowa State College there. Married Essie Ola Martin, of Leesville, Louisiana, on Dec. 24, 1936, at Houston, Texas. Has been employed by the government for a number of years. During the war was at Prince Rupert, B. C., but was transferred to Seattle, Washington, where he still lives (1946).

Has 2 children:

i. Helen Irene, born Mar 29, 19__, at Seattle, Washington.

ii. Ada Victoria, born Dec. 17, 1942, at Seattle, Washington.

(2) HARLOW ALEXANDER

Born Jan. 27, 1881, at Washington, Iowa.

Died Aug. 6, 1919, at Youngstown, Ohio.

Married Hattie Cherryman on Sept. 3, 1911, at Benzonia, Michigan. She was born Nov. 5, 1883, in Oscoda, Michigan, the daughter of Frederick A. and Emily (King) Cherryman, who had lived in New York and Michigan.

Harlow A. McConnaughey was in Y.M.C.A. work. During World War I he worked with Allied soldiers in western Europe and in Russia, and died as a result of the hardships he suffered in Russia. Had 3 children:

- 1 – Grace Elizabeth, born April 9, 1914, at Pittsburgh, Penn. Is a secretary in the War Dept., Washington, D. C. (1949)
- 2 – Bayard Harlow, born April 21, 1916, at Pittsburgh, Penn. In 1946 was a graduate student at the University of California.
- 3 – David Allen, born Nov. 12, 1918, at Pittsburgh, Penn. In 1946 was a graduate student at Cornell Univeristy.

(3) GRACE ELIZABETH (“GRACE JOHN”)

Born Oct. 1, 1882, at Washington, Iowa.

Never married. Was a Congregational missionary teacher in Fenchow, Shansi province, China, under the American Board of Foreign Missions, for many years after her graduation from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Lives in retirement in Claremont, California. (1951)

(4) WILLIAM

Born and died, June 11, 1888, in Washington, Iowa. Is buried in the McConnaughey family lot in the “Old Cemetary”, Washington, Iowa.

(5) JOHN MILLS

Born Feb. 23, 1890, at Washington, Iowa.

Died July 27, 1900, after being kicked by a horse, at Washington, Iowa. Is buried in the family lot in the “Old Cemetary”, Washington, Iowa.

The following are the 4 children of Samuel Davidson McConnaughey (1846-1898) and his wife Clara Evelyn White. He was the 8th child of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900), who was the 5th child of David McConnaughey, Jr. (d. 1814), the 2nd child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey who emigrated to America from Londonderry, Ulster, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, Cumberland, now Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) ADDISON ROSS

Born Sept. 19, 1885, in Washington Co., Iowa.

Married Sallie Breeze of Rogers, Arkansas, at her home there on July 24, 1920.

Lives in Rogers, Arkansas (1948).

Has 8 children:

- 1 – Ruth Adeline, born Nov. 23, 1921, at Hutchinson, Kansas; married Orval Thompson.
- 2 – James Ross, born Feb. 3, 1923, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Served in the Army in World War II; married after his discharge from service.
- 3 - Ralph Davidson, born Dec. 3, 1924, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Served in the Army in World War II; married after his discharge from service.
- 4 - George Donald, born March 14, 1930, at Rogers, Arkansas, where he lives (1948).
- 5 - Nancy Clara, born Aug. 4, 1934, at Rogers, Arkansas.
- 6 - Sallie Joan, born March 5, 1937, at Rogers, Arkansas.
- 7 - Teddie R., born Sept. 5, 1940, at Rogers, Arkansas.
- 8 - Susie, born Feb. 14, 1942, at Rogers, Arkansas.

(2) CHARLES ALEXANDER

Born April 1, 1887, in Washington Co., Iowa.

Married Mary Hooper on June 26, 1911, at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Lives in Hutchinson, Kansas, with a married daughter (1948).

Has 3 children:

- 1 – Thelma, born in April, 1912, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Is married and lives in Kansas (1948).
- 2 - Cleo Maxine, born Aug. 4, 1914, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Married _____ Wilson, and lives in Hutchinson, Kansas (1948).
- 3 - Raymond, born in 1916, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Is married and lives in in California (1948). Has 3 children.

(3) ROY WHITE

Born March 27, 1889, in Washington Co., Iowa.

Married Hazel Crowder of Fort Madison, Iowa, on May 2, 1913, at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Lives in Fort Madison, Iowa (1948).

Has 2 children:

- 1 – Helen Margaret, born June 2, 1916, at Fort Madison, Iowa. Is a widow with one child, her husband having been killed in Italy during World War II. Lives in Fort Madison, Iowa with her parents (1948).
- 2 - Cloyd Roy, born Aug. 9, 1919, at Fort Madison, Iowa. Lives in California.

(4) THELMA ELIZABETH

Born Nov. 7, 1890, in Washington Co., Iowa.

Married G. S. Thompson on Feb. 4, 1911, at Fayetteville, Arkansas. Has 1 child:

- 1 – Roy Lee Thompson, born Nov. 23, 1914. Married Mrs. Doris (Lee) Williams of Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Sept. 30, 1935. Has 1 child:
 - i. Royce Jo Thompson, born Aug. 15, 1937.

The following are the 2 children of Elizabeth Ellen McConnaughey (1849-1946) and her husband Parley Brown West. She was the 9th child of David Platt McConnaughey (1805-1900), who was the 5th child of David McConnaughey, Jr. (d. 1814), the 2nd child of David and Jane (Platt) McConnaughey who emigrated to America from Londonderry, Ulster, North Ireland, in 1750, and settled in Path Valley, Cumberland, now Franklin Co., Penn.

(1) KATHERINE LUCETTA WEST

Born July 10, 1875.

Married John Milton Kelly on Feb. 19, 1902, at her home. He is the son of Peter and Margaret (Higgins) Kelly, of Glen Luce, Wigtonshire, Scotland, who removed to the U.S. about 1876. He was born near Gladbrook, Iowa, on Jan. 16, 1878. For some years he was a farmer; since 1924 has been a Life Underwriter (insurance), living in Fairbury, Nebraska. They have 3 children:

- 1 – Robert West Kelly, born Feb. 4, 1903. Married Eva Marie Law on Nov. 30, 1923, from who he was later divorced. Served in the Seebees during World War II.

Has 2 children:

- i. Phyllis Elaine Kelly, born Dec. 14, 1924, at Ainsworth, Nebraska.
Married Gerald Ralph Halldorson on Aug. 23, 1942. Lives at Long Pine Nebraska. Has 2 children:
 - a – Mary Kathryn Halldorson, born Jan. 18, 1946, at Long Pine, Neb.
 - b – Gerald Ralph Halldorson, born Feb. 14, 1948, at Long Pine, Neb.
- ii. Doris LaRue Kelly, born March 20, 1928, at Ainsworth, Nebraska.
Married Stanley Raymond II, in February 1950. He is a construction engineer.

- 2 - Margaret Milton Kelly, born May 11, 1904. Married Arval Wesley Griffin on May 22, 1937, at her home in Fairbury, Nebraska. Lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, where her husband is a bank teller.

Has 2 children:

- i. John Wesley Griffin, born March 20, 1942, at Lincoln, Nebraska.
- ii. Kathryn Jane Griffin, born May 24, 1944, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

- 3 – Lawrence Donald Kelly, born March 22, 1907, at Lake View, Iowa.
Married Cora Villa Wertz, on March 23, 1940. Has no children.

(2) MARGARET MAJOR WEST

Born Nov. 4, 1883, at La Grange, Illinois. Married (1) Dr. John J. Bock, at her home near Herrick, South Dakota, on Feb. 23, 1910. They were divorced in 1919. Married (2) Oliver Valentine Hoffine, on Jan 21, 1920, at Ainsworth, Nebraska. He was a carpenter, and was born Feb. 14, 1875, and died Oct. 8, 1943, at Chicago, Illinois. Married (3) Archibald L. Hickman, of Colome, South Dakota. They lived at Colome, South Dakota, where he is manager of the Colome Lumber Company. Has no children.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PROPERTY & other REFERENCES to LANDS IN PENNSYLVANIA including PROPIETARY (OLD) RIGHTS

James McConaughy) “At a meeting at the Surveyor General’s the
V.) 5 March 1792.
William Ashbridge) Present

Daniel Broadhead, Esq.,	Surveyor Gen’l	
Francis Johnston, Esq.,	Rec’r Gen’l	of the
David Kennedy, Esq.,	Secretary	Land Office
Matthew Irwin, Esq.,	Master of the Rolls	

Postponed to the first Monday in October next.

(Penn. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 2, pp 13, 14)

James McConaughy)
V.)
William Ashbridge)

The parties appearing produced an instrument in writing under the hand, & seal, of James Moore, Esq’r, in the words following to wit “Whereas JAMES McCONAUGHY did on the 18th of April 1791, enter a Caveat in the Land Office against the acceptance of a Survey or Surveys for William Ashbridge in Path Valley Surveyed by Applications in the Names of John Brown, David Brown, George Gooding, George James, Michael Randle, Benjamin Brown, Jun’r, George Ashbridge, Daniel Ashbridge, Jane Brown, John Potts, & Thos. Barrett, and did allege that he, the said James McConaughy had prior applications for about 400 acres, which Applications bear date the 9 January, 1767, the one No. 2318 to Robert McConaughy, Three hundred Acres adjoining Francis McConnell claim, the other No. 2319 to James Conachee for One hundred Acres adjoining Francis Elliott’s claim, and whereas it hath been agreed by and between

other settlers about 1788. It was a round log, two-story (20 X 24) building and was situated very nearly on the site of the R. J. McConaughey wash house. The first improvement on the R. J. McConaughey farm was made by James McConaughey, about the commencement of the Revolutionary War. He was driven off by Indians and subsequently entered the Revolutionary Army, serving for a number of years. The tract in the patent was called "Nazareth" and was surveyed on an application dated April 3rd, 1769. It was sold in 1787 for taxes to Charles Campbell, by the commissioners of Westmoreland County, Campbell deeds, in 1788, the tract to Robert Allison, who obtains the patent in 1789. The patent is assigned to James McConaughey in 1815.

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(History of Indiana Co., Penn.; 1745-1880. Newark, Ohio. J.A. Caldwell, 1880. in Minn. Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn.: F157 f.I3G2. p. 457)

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"...a letter written many years ago by my aunt, Isabelle McConaughey – my mothers sister..."

May 15th, 1909

Roxana B. M. Creary,
Springfield, Ill.
1145 s. 1st St.

"On father's side of the house:

Grandfather lived in Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa. Grandmother McConaughy was first married to a man by the name of Harvey and had three of that marriage. Of them I do not know anything of account. Her maiden name was Isabella McConnel.

Grandfather moved to this part of the country when father was about fourteen years old, and settled on a farm a couple miles east of Ligonier – the same that Uncle John lived on as long as they kept house.

Of father's family there were five boys, viz. Uncles John, James, Robert, David and Franklin. The first three named settled in this part of the country. The last two named went to Ohio when it was a wilderness. Uncle David married out there and settled in Miami County about 10 miles from Dayton. He and Uncle Franklin started to go to New Orleans on a raft (a very common way of disposing of their produce at that time) and

Uncle Franklin took yellow fever and died at Natchez and was buried there. He was not married and was about twenty one years old.

Grand-father McConaughy's father owned and lived on the farm that Uncle Jimison's now live on. When he moved there I do not know but think he was living there when grand-father moved out there. Afterward Uncle John came into possession of it and lived there some time, and when grand-father's boys had all left to do for themselves, Uncle John and Grandfather traded farms and grand-father moved out there, and he and grandmother died and were buried there and Uncle John moved over here on his farm – the farm where Uncle Jimison lives had been in the McConaughy family over one hundred years.

This is all I know of father's side...

Your Aunt,

Isabelle McConaughy.”

(Copied from a copy of a letter written to Laura V. Shaw – no Knight – from Ligonier, April 4th, 1886, by the daughter of Robert and Anna (Jamison) McConnaughey. This original copy is in the possession of Mr. Edward L. McConaughy of La Grange, Ill., who kindly loaned it to me in April, 1951, that I might make this copy.

-J. R. Bassett)

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WILL of MARY GRIMES, mother of

ANNA (GRIMES) McCONNAUGHEY

(Will Book A., Montgomery County, Ohio, page 359)

Grimes, Mary p. 359 Dated January 18, 1822, Recorded June 8, 1824; Son James Grimes; to daughter Anna McCouchy, wife of David McCouchy (McConnaughey); Martha Fulton, wife of William Fulton; to Peggy Campbell, wife of John Campbell; money due from John Grimes as executor of Samuel Grimes; Betsy Newcom, wife of Edward Newcom; Mary Crawford, wife of Robert Crawford. Executors: son James Grimes, Edward Newcom, David McCouchy (McConnaughey). Witnesses: Henry Stoddard, Henry Brown, *(In Lindsay M. Brien's "Miami Valley Will Abstracts." Pub. Dayton,*

*Ohio 1940. Taken from the Probate Records of Montgomery Co., Ohio.
Copy in Minn. Historical Library, St. Paul, Minn.)*

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*(History of Indiana Co., Penn.; 1745-1880. Newark, Ohio. J.A. Caldwell, 1880 p. 457)
(The above data is evidently taken from the McConnaughey Family Bible Records)*

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1856 Census of Washington County, Iowa
Volume 66, p. 192
In Iowa State Historical Library, Des Moines

Clay Township

Lucetta Mills, age 5, female, 5 years in state, born in Iowa
(dau. Of.

Manning M. Mills, age 35, 14 years in state, born in Ohio,
a dairyman and farmer (&)

Ursula F. Mills, age 37, 14 years in state, born in Ohio.

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McConahay, David P., age 50, male, married, 3 years in Iowa,
born in Penn., farmer, native voter, landowner.

McConahey, Catherine, age 50, female, married, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn.
 McConahey, Alexander J., age 20, male, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn., farmer, in the militia.
 McConahey, David S., age 19, male, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn., farmer, in the militia.
 McConahey, John T., age 14, male, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn.
 McConahey, Wm. N., age 12, male, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn.
 McConahey, Samuel D., age 9, male, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn.
 McConahey, Elizabeth E., age 7, female, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn.
 McConahey, Rebecca, age 22, female, 3 years in Iowa, born in Penn.

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1820 Federal Census of Trumbull County, Ohio
 Gustavus Township

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	Females 26-45			
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The Adams Co. (York), Pa. or Gettysburg Branch of the McConnaughey Family

(The following genealogy is a copy of a Photostat owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hatten, of Lincoln, Nebraska, which was made and given to them by the late Gov. James L. McConaughy of Connecticut, who wrote to Mr. Hatten under date of March 27, 1947, as follows:

“The family tree from which I took the data I sent you is one which my Uncle David McConaughy worked out a good many years ago, privately. As far as I know, the only copy immediately available is my own”

Mrs. Hatten graciously copied the earliest portion of the genealogy as given on the Photostat, and sent it to me, Jan. 31, 1952. – *J. R. Bassett*)

ROBERT MCCONAUGHY (1691-1758) married Elizabeth Densmore (1691-1788). He emigrated from Northern Ireland about 1737; landed at Chester, Delaware, rode to Conowago Creek, and traded his horse for a farm of 500 acres in what is now Menallen Twp., Adams Co., Pa., but was after 1749 in York County. This farm continued to be the family home until after the death of his son David (1716-1815). Both Robert and Elizabeth (Densmore) McConaughy are buried in Evergreen Cemetary, Gettysburg, Pa.

They had a number of children, among them these 3 sons:

(1) **DONALD**, whose son John McConaughy was the grandfather of the late Gov. James L. McConaughy of Connecticut; the Governor's father being David McConaughy.

(2) **DAVID** (1716-1815) married Margaret Ramsey. David was born in Northern Ireland; was Collector of Excise in 1754 for York Co., Pa.; Sheriff of York County 1765-1768 by Commission from George III. Was a member of the York County Committee of Safety during the Revolution and of the Colonial Legislatures for 6 years after the War. Was also a farmer, miller, and holder of many local and state offices. He and his wife are buried in marked graves in Marsh Creek Churchyard.

They had 8 children:

(1) Robert, born 1748; died Jan 6, 1800, at Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa. Married Hanna Finley, or Findley; both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

They had 5 children:

i. Elizabeth

ii. Margaret, married James Brown.

iii. John, married Margaret Patterson.

iv. Mary, married Jacob Cassat.

v. Rev. David, D. D., LL.D., President of Washington College. Born 1775; died Jan. 29, 1852; married Mary (Polly) Mahon of Shippensburg, Pa., daughter of David Mahon, Esq.

(2) Margaret

(3) Elizabeth, born 1750; married in 1773 to Robert Morrison (1749-1812).

(4) Ann, born 1757; died 1829; married Walt Ewing.

(5) Martha, married David Edie, died 1857.

(6) Jane, born 1759; died 1835.

(7) Sarah, married John Edie.

(8) David, born 1762; died 1823.

(3) **SAMUEL**, born in 1723, or 1725, or 1728 in Northern Ireland (Hatten photostate blurred as to birth date). Died April 4, 1802, and he and his wife are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa. Married Jean _____. Was a farmer in Menallen Twp., York (now Adams) Co., Pa. Was a member of the York Co., Pa., Committee of Safety during the Revolutionary War. Was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Gettysburg, Pa. Had 10 children:

(1) Ann

(2) Jean

(3) Polly, married Richard Blair.

(4) Jannet, married Joseph Blair.

(5) Elizabeth, married Robert Pudde.

(6) Sally, married William Thompson.

(7) Margaret

- (8) Samuel, married Mary _____; moved to Brown Co., Ohio. Bailey Genealogy Gives list of children.
- (9) John, moved to Brown Co., Ohio.
- (10) Robert, born 1753; died Dec. 19, 1818; married Jane Thompson in 1784. Was a farmer near Blairsville, Pa., having gone to Westmoreland County about 1776. His wife Jane was a sister of Sally's husband, William Thompson.

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From my own files (Edwin C. McConnaughey) in a brochure of Gettysburg in regards to the Gettysburg National Cemetery. (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, National Military Park, Illustrated Battlefield Map, A Self Guided Tour and Story cost \$1.50)

Immediately after the battle, soldiers' relatives and government agents from the northern states converged on Gettysburg in hopes of finding the burial sites of loved ones. Across the landscape were shallow graves containing the remains of sons and fathers who had been buried where they had fallen. Many of the dead were buried by those who did not know them, and many were unidentified as there were no identification tags issued to soldiers. Those who could successfully find the soldier's grave and could afford the cost, had the body removed to a private cemetery. The majority lay unclaimed.

Dr. Theodore Dimon, the agent from New York, was struck with the fact that most of the dead would be unclaimed. He proposed the idea of a central cemetery for the Union dead to a local lawyer, David Wills. Another Gettysburg lawyer, David McConaughy, picked up the idea. He had begun purchasing portions of the battlefield to preserve them and decided that a section of that field adjacent to Evergreen Cemetery would be the ideal location. Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin approved the idea and northern states contributed funds to develop the Soldiers' National Cemetery. Landscape architect William Saunders designed the cemetery, dividing it into state sections with sections for the unknown who could not be identified as to name, regiment, or state. It was formally dedicated with special ceremony on November 19, 1863, by President Abraham Lincoln.

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