

Chapter 21

McKee: Irish Family Settles in Upper Back Creek Valley

Robert McKee (1738-1800) and his young family settled in Back Creek Valley during the mid-1760s. According to a letter from George P. Cather of Grand Island, Nebraska to Mrs. Exie Webb Hall of Wichita, Kansas, dated March 13, 1926. Robert McKee settled about three miles west of Back Creek, and about 14 miles northwest of Winchester. The homeplace was along U.S. Route 50 near the Hampshire County border. The Cathers and McKees were closely associated, and they intermarried.

The correct spelling of the surname is McKee, although the name has been misspelled in public records, such as McKey, McKay. and Mackey or Macky. This Robert McKee family was not related to the Robert McKay family that came with Jost H he in 1732, and settled in what is now Clarke County, Va. Neither was this Robert McKee the same man as the surgeon whose will was probated in Winchester on May 2, 1814. Robert McKee (1738-1800) of Back Creek did not serve in the Revolutionary War as erroneously claimed by descendants. He was not the same person as the Robert McKee who lived in Rockbridge County, Va.

Our subject, Robert McKee of Back Creek, was born circa 1738 in Ireland, and died Oct. 16, 1800 on Timber Ridge. His first wife, and mother of his children, was named Elizabeth. She was born circa 1740 and died March 15, 1790. In 1775, they bought 414 acres in the Isaac Creek watershed adjoining lands that had been surveyed for Mercer Beeson and John Rout. Previous owners of the McKee farm were Joseph and Rachel (Bull) Lupton. The Luptons received 'forty-five pounds current money of Virginia' for the 414 acres.

After Elizabeth's death, Robert married second to Susannah (Harris) Dalby, Jan. 23, 1793. They were married by the Rev. Alexander Balmain, Episcopal rector in Winchester. Susannah was the widow of Richard Dalby, and mother to numerous Dalby children in Back Creek Valley. She wrote her will on April 6, 1801, with the assistance of neighbor.

Benjamin McDonald. Susannah asked that Jonathan Lovett and William Garrett lay off her dower.'

McKee is a respected surname in Frederick and Hampshire County, including professionals and laborers. Ellen McKee of Slanesville, W.Va.

was the National Teacher of the Year in 1991. This chapter deals only with the earliest McKee settlers, so that genealogical researchers may identify and understand their relationships. Children of Robert and

Elizabeth McKee Sr. were:

1. Mary McKee was born circa 1762 and died in Hampshire County on Jan. 17, 1848. She married William Hook on Aug. 13, 1782, in Frederick County. William Hook was born in England in 1759 and died on Timber Ridge, Jan. 30, 1837. He served in the Revolutionary War as an orderly in Capt. John Neil's Virginia Company. The military unit was responsible for guarding prisoners of war in the Hessian Barracks in western Frederick County. This is how William Hook and Mary McKee met. After marrying, William and Mary settled in Hampshire County, where they owned two estates.

Children of William and Mary (McKee) Hook were:

a. Thomas Hook was born Oct. 8, 1783 in Hampshire County and died Oct. 8, 1861. He married Eleanor McVicker (1785-1856), daughter of Duncan McVicker.

b. Elizabeth Hook was born May 7, 1785 and died after 1850 in Hampshire County. She married John Newbanks, who died in 1814.

c. William Hook Jr. was born April 11, 1792. He married Elizabeth Johnson on Sept. 6, 1813. In his father's will, it said, 'I have given my son William all that I intend to give him.'

d. Samuel Hook was born March 23, 1795 and died June 17, 1876 (Bible record). He ran a hotel in Mill Branch Valley, Hampshire county, and operated a farm. Samuel delved into real estate and accomplished several inventions. He was thrice-married: (1) Anna McMorris was born April 14, 1801 and died Sept 13, 1840. Her parents were David and Nancy (McDonald) McMorris. (2) Mary 'Poly' Mauzy, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Buzzard) Mauzy. Poly was born Oct. 30, 1790 and died Sept. 15, 1854. (3) Elizabeth (McMorris) McKee, widow of Robert McKee. She was born April 23, 1797, and died May 5, 1877.

1. Dower is a legal term that means the portion of a deceased husband's real property allowed by the law to his widow for life.

e. Joseph Hook was born March 18, 1798, He was given 130 acres of land, one horse-saddle and bridle and \$100 In cash when his father died. Joseph was mentioned on the 1843 tax list for Hampshire County, but was gone when the 1850 census was taken.

f. Mary Hook was born Oct. 29, 1800. Nothing further is known about Mary at this time, except that her father provided \$100 In his 1837 will.

g. Esther (or Hester) Hook was born July 8, 1803, and died Aug. 2, 1871. She was called 'Hetty' in her father's will. Esther married David Pugh, son of Joseph and Mary (Gaudy) Pugh. David was born April 24, 1801, and died March 29, 1887. They lived near High View on the Hampshire County side of Timber Ridge. Both were buried in the Capon Chapel graveyard.

h Josiah Hook was born March 25. 1809. His father willed him \$100, and nothing further is known about him at this time.

1. Robert Hook was born Sept. 5, 1811, and died Aug. 2, 1902. He married Mary Kelso (1814-1886), daughter of James and Nancy (McVickers) Kelso, Dec. 25, 1834. He received his father's home plantation in Cacapon Valley. Robert bought Dunlap's Mill, which was previously known as Pugh's Mill, but known later as Hook's Mill. They raised a large family and were buried in the Timber Ridge Christian Church Cemetery.

2. Margaret McKee was born circa 1764, and died before 1850. She married Thomas Fisher, son of Barak and Mary (Butler) Fisher, on Dec. 4, 1785, in Frederick County. Thomas was born Nov. 18, 1763, and died in Frederick County during the 1850s. They lived in upper Back Creek Valley. Thomas was living with his son Joseph Fisher in 1850.

3. William McKee was born in 1766 and died July 9, 1837. He married Martha Hammond on May 4, 1791, in Frederick County. by the Rev.

Alexander Balmain. William McKee inherited from his father a parcel of land lying on Isaac's Creek, adjoining John Knott in 1800.

Children of William and Martha (Hammond) McKee were:

a. Robert McKee was born April 26, 1792 and died June 9, 1850 in Frederick County. He married Elizabeth McMorris, daughter of David and Nancy (McDonald) McMorris, March 3, 1816. Elizabeth was born April 23, 1797 and died on May 5, 1877. After Robert's death, she married second to Samuel Hook of Hampshire County. The Bible record of Robert McKee gave death dates for his father and grandfather McKee.

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Children of Robert and Elizabeth (McMorris) McKee were:

(1) Washington McKee was born Dec. 26, 1816 and died June 26, 1881. He married Deborah Popkins on May 27, 1841.

(2) Martha Ann McKee was born circa 1819, and died Aug. 20, 1858. She married James Evans, son of John and Frances (Hardesty) Evans, on Oct. 13, 1836. He was born Oct. 30, 1808 and died April 30, 1881 in Lafayette County, Missouri.

(3) David McKee was born in 1821. He first married Priscilla Evans on April 1, 1847. She was born June 11, 1817 and died Nov. 22, 1855 in Coles County, Illinois. After Priscilla's death, he migrated to Iowa where he married again.

(4) Joseph McKee was born Aug. 26, 1823. He married Eliza Anderson on Jan. 6, 1857.

(5) Emaline McKee was born Jan. 10, 1826. She married Asbury Whitacre, son of Robert and Elizabeth (McKee) Whitacre, Feb. 27, 1845 in Frederick County. Both were buried in Spring Hill, Kansas.

(6) Lewis Lindsey McKee was born Dec. 3, 1830, and died in October 1855.

(7) Mary Elizabeth McKee was born on July 30, 1836, and died April 10, 1872. She married Esrom Hefflebower in February 1860. They migrated to Kansas.

(8) Samuel Edward McKee was born Jan. 30, 1843, and died Dec. 5, 1923 in Kansas. He married Martha Ann Emmart, daughter of Abraham and Eliza Jane (Vance) Emmart, on Dec. 15, 1864 in Hampshire County. She was born on Feb. 17, 1844 in Hampshire County, and died Oct. 29, 1902, in Kansas.

b. William McKee Jr. was born circa 1793. He married his first cousin, Ann LaFollette on Sept. 16, 1810. Ann was a daughter of William and Jane (McKee) LaFollette.

c. Joseph McKee was born circa 1796 in Frederick County. After serving in the War of 1812, he went west to Logan County, Ohio where he married Almira Hutchinson on May 11, 1826. From there they moved to Sullivan County, Missouri, and later to Jackson County, Oregon in 1861.

d. Ann McKee was born in 1803. She married Samuel Giffin on May 23, 1823 in Frederick County.

e. Sarah McKee was born Dec. 16, 1805 and died circa 1866. She married Jesse Colbert Jr.. Aug. 3, 1826. Often the name was spelled Calvert. Jesse Jr. was born Aug. 31, 1804. and died in 1844. Jesse was a trustee In a Methodist Church In Frederick County. His father, Jesse Calvert Sr.. was born In Maryland In 1785. and came to Frederick County to engage in the merchantile business.

(1) Israel Calvert was born In Frederick County, Va. May 25, 1827, and died Nov. 16, 1898. He married Maria Keckley, born June 28, 1827 and died Feb. 27, 1901 in Frederick County. They were buried in the Trone Methodist Church Cemetery on Timber Ridge.

(2) Jane Colbert was born March 11, 1829. (3) Robert Colbert was born

March 9, 1830.

(4) Joseph C. Colbert was born Nov. 25, 1830, and died Sept. 26, 1874. He married Elizabeth J. Keckley, Sept. 14, 1854.

(5) Hannah Colbert was born June 15, 1833, and died June 20, 1835.

(6) Jesse Colbert III was born Sept. 19, 1834. He married Sarah Ann Bradford, Dec. 24, 1856. They lived at Boston Station, Kentucky, where other Frederick County families (Sine, Anderson, LaFollette) had migrated to Pendleton County.

(7) Jonathan Colbert was born Feb. 15, 1836, and died March 24, 1836.

(8) Sarah Colbert was born Feb. 3, 1838. She married William Henry LaFollette, and they migrated to Boston Station, Kentucky.

(9) James W. Calved was born Aug. 25, 1839, and died March 15, 1868. Next to his grave was the grave of Martha Calvert, died Aug. 8, 1911 (stone erected by Emma Pugh).

(10) Martha E. Colbert was born Aug. 25, 1839. (11) Margaret Colbert was

born Aug. 1, 1843.

f. John McKee was born in Frederick County on Jan. 1, 1810, and died Jan. 3, 1865, in Long Creek Township, Decatur County, Iowa He married Mary Ann Bain, Jan. 13, 1831, in Muskingham County, Ohio. She was born on April 14, 1814, in Virginia. They had ten children?

2. Information on this family unit **was supplied by Vera L. Woodstock. 1564 Mikes SL Honolulu, HI 9611118-11841.**

g. Jane McKee was born in 1813. She was not married when the 1850 census was taken for Frederick County.

h. Bartholomew McKee was born in 1816 and died in 1894. He married Mary Elizabeth Grove, daughter of Henry and Mary (Lawyer) Grove, Sept. 29, 1836.

i. Benjamin McKee was born circa 1819 and died Nov. 20, 1894. He married Elizabeth Stipe on Aug. 10, 1843, in Frederick County. Benjamin and Elizabeth lived in Frederick County.

4. Robert McKee Jr. was born in 1767, and died Oct. 30, 1830. He married Jane Cather, daughter of Jasper and Barbara (Lawrence) Cather, Sept. 5, 1793. They lived in upper Back Creek Valley. Jane was born Nov. 12, 1773, and died Aug. 3, 1853, at their home near North Mountain.

Children of Robert and Jane (Cather) McKee were:

a. Elizabeth McKee was born in 1792 and died May 29, 1854. She married George Whitacre, son of Joshua and Rachel (Wilson) Whitacre, May 13, 1818 in Frederick County. Information on descendants of George and Elizabeth (McKee) Whitacre was compiled by Rual P. Anderson in his book titled *Spaid, Anderson, Whitacre*, published in 1975.

b. Jasper McKee was born Oct. 23, 1794, and died April 11, 1877. He married Malinda Anderson daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Anderson) Anderson, on May 7, 1822. Sarah was a daughter of Elijah Anderson. Malinda was born Oct. 23, 1800, and died on March 17, 1879. They lived on Timber Ridge, and were buried in the Shiloh Church Cemetery at LeHew, W.Va. Three children have been identified: (1) Amy Caroline McKee was born April 20, 1823, and died Aug. 23, 1895. She married William Henry LaFollette. (2) Sarah Jane McKee was born Aug. 21, 1827, and died Dec. 23, 1896. She married Jeremiah J. Reid. He was born Feb. 8, 1822, and died June 3, 1885. They were buried at Shiloh. (3) Anderson McKee was born Dec. 28, 1839 and died June 10, 1913. He married Jane C. LaFollette.

c. Thomas McKee was born about 1797. He married Emily Anderson on April 6, 1826.

d. Bartholomew McKee was born April 10, 1799 In Frederick County, and died in November 1870 in Illinois. He married Elizabeth Ann Evans, daughter of John and Frances (Hardesty) Evans, May 4, 1837 in Frederick County. Elizabeth was born on Jan. 7, 1811 and died on Jan. 21, 1870, in (Peoria County?) Illinois. They migrated to Princeville,



Illinois in 1855 where Bartholomew farmed and ran a blacksmith shop. They had at least ten children.

e. James McKee, of whom nothing further is known at this time.

f. Joseph McKee was born in 1802 and died Nov. 5, 1887. He married Sidney P. Capper, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Stewart) Capper, March 24, 1825 in Frederick County. Sidney was born in 1804 and died Nov. 20, 1879. They had at least eight children.

g. John McKee was born circa 1803. He married Ruth Whitacre, daughter of Joshua and Rachel (Wilson) Whitacre, April 15, 1824, in Frederick County. They were enumerated on the 1850 and 1860 censuses for Frederick County with these children: Amos McKee, born in 1828; Tilberry McKee was born in 1834; Mary McKee was born in 1838; Cassa Ann McKee was born in 1840; Nimrod McKee was born in 1843. It is believed that Nimrod migrated to Calhoun County, W.Va.; Sarah 'Sally' E. McKee was born in 1845; and Patrick F. McKee was born in 1851, and went to Calhoun County, W.Va.

h. Mary McKee was born Jan. 13, 1808, and died June 20, 1876. She married Joseph C. Leith (1798-1873), son of James and Sarah (Rust) Leith Jr. They lived near Left Mountain in the Bloomery District of Hampshire County.

i. David Lawrence McKee was born in 1811 and died on Aug. 2, 1883. He married Mahala Fletcher, daughter of James and Catherine (Ullery) Fletcher, on Sept. 13, 1840. Mahala was born in 1823 and died on Aug. 15, 1896. Both were buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery at Gore, Va.

5. John McKee was born circa 1771, and died September 1825 in Highland County, Ohio. John married Rebecca Wickersham, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Frazier) Wickersham, Aug; 7, 1792, in Frederick County Rebecca was born in 1774 in York County,

Pennsylvania, and died between 1825 and 1834, possibly in Ohio. Children of John and Rebecca

(Wickersham) McKee were:

& Joseph McKee was born in 1793 in Frederick County, and died April 19, 1870, at Logtown, Jackson County, Oregon. He married Almira Hutghinson on May 17, 1826 in Logan County, Ohio.

b. Elizabeth McKee was born June 15, 1795 in Frederick County, and died Aug. 15, 1855, in Putnam County, Indiana. She married Henry Wain in Frederick County, on Nov. 8, 1813.

3. Information on John McKee's family unit was provided by Mrs. Sharon Bryant of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Naomi Seals of Phoenix, Oregon.

c,d, and e. Three unnamed McKee children were born between 1794. 1800, according to the U.S. Census.

I. James McKee married Emily Chew, April 18, 1822 in Fayette County, Ohio.

g. Rebecca McKee was born June 6, 1804 in Frederick County and died May 4, 1872 at Palestine, Putnam County, Indiana. She married Thomas Young in Highland County, Ohio on Sept. 16, 1824.

h. Rhoda McKee, born in 1811 In Frederick County, Va., married George Bennett on Feb. 15, 1827, In Highland County. Ohio.

6. Joseph McKee, son of Robert and Elizabeth McKee. Sr., was born in 1777 and died in 1852 in Frederick County. Joseph married

Elizabeth Reid, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (McMahon) Reid, on Feb. 5, 1799. He was a farmer. Joseph converted his house into an ordinary (tavern) during the 1830s when the Northwest Turnpike opened for travel. After his wife Elizabeth died, Joseph lived with his children who remained on Timber Ridge. Joseph and Elizabeth were buried at Bethel Methodist Church, Trone, Frederick County, in graves without inscriptions of vital dates. According to verbal tradition, they had nine daughters and four sons. After analyzing the

U.S. censuses, it appears there were nine children- four boys and five girls.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reid) McKee were:

a. Joel McKee, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Reed) McKee, was born in Frederick County on April 24, 1800, and died In 1835, of typhoid fever. He married Rebecca Kline, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Schweitzer) Kline, on Dec. 22, 1822. Rebecca was born on March 25, 1801, according to a family Bible record provided by Miss Mary Pugh of Romney, W.Va.

Children of Joel and Rebecca McKee were:

(1) Elizabeth Jane McKee was born Sept. 21, 1823, and died on Oct. 30, 1896. She married John J. Wolford, son of Martin and Mary (Crim) Wolford. John J. was born on May 30, 1816 and died on July 22, 1896 .⁴

(2) Josiah McKee was born on March 22, 1825 and died on Oct. 13, 1825.

4. Sae Wilmer L. Kerns, 'Old Families of Hampshire County: Wolford Family Roots.' The *West Virginia Advocate*, Capon Bridge, W.Va. Oct. 12, 1987.

(3) Rebecca Ann McKee was born on Aug. 29, 1826, and died on Dec. 24, 1826.

(4) Margery D.L McKee was born on Nov. 3, 1827, and died on Oct. 28, 1843.

(5) Joshua M. McKee was born on Jan. 10, 1830, and nothing more is known about him at this time.

(6) Mary Margaret McKee was born on April 28, 1832, and died on Oct. 18, 1899. She married Daniel Pugh, son of Jesse and Charity (Gard) Pugh, Jr. He was born on June 27, 1826.

(7) John Wesley McKee was born on March 17, 1834, and died on March 1, 1892, in Illinois. According to an obituary, he married Mrs. S.E. French, and he had no children.

b. Joshua McKee drowned in Back Creek, at a young age. His grave is in the Trone Methodist Church Cemetery on Timber Ridge, with name engraved but no dates.

c. Jeremiah McKee settled in Camden, Arkansas, where he married, raised a family, and died. Jeremiah lost an arm in a threshing machine accident, and devised a tin arm. He sold 'Parley's Pictoral Panorama' for some years.

d. Mary A. McKee was born June 19, 1810, on Timber Ridge, Frederick County, Va., and died at the home of her son, Joseph H. Lyon, April 25, 1899, at High Prairie, Missouri (possibly in Andrew County). She married Archibald Lyon, son of Elijah and Margaret (Linthicum) Lyon, on May 28, 1835. He was born on Jan. 1, 1810 and died on June 2, 1870. Archibald was buried in Akers' Chapel, Kinderhook Township, Pike County, Illinois, and Mary A. was buried in Missouri.

e. Rebecca McKee, born circa 1805, married John Cowgill. Joseph McKee was living with them on Timber Ridge, when the 1850 census was taken. Children of John and Rebecca (McKee) Cowgill were listed on the same census: Joel T. Cowgill, age 14; Joseph T. Cowgill, age 11; Mary C. Cowgill, age 9; John W. Cowgill, age 4 years.

f. Margaret McKee was born in 1814 and died on Aug. 15, 1872, in Hampshire County. She married Jonathan L Hiatt, son of Jeremiah and Lucinda (Kidwell) Hiatt, on Jan. 24, 1837. He survived her. The 1850 census for Frederick County listed these children: Joseph Hiatt, age 12; Elizabeth Hiatt, age 10; Lemuel Hiatt, age 9; Jeremiah Hiatt, age 5; John W. Hiatt, age 2; and Mary L Hiatt, 1 year old.

g. Robinson Joseph McKee was born at Back Creek, Frederick County, Va. on Dec. 5, 1819 and died on Jan. 9, 1906, in Lathrop, Missouri. His occupation was a tanner. He married Maria Sommerville, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Mauzy) Sommerville, on March 20, 1844. They migrated to Lafayette County, Missouri in 1855.

h. Names of two daughters have not been identified.

7. Jane McKee was born in 1778. She married William LaFollette (1774-1857), son of George and Jemima (Minthorn) LaFollette, on Jan. 6, 1796. Jane lived a long life, but was blind during her later years. They lived on the Hampshire County side of Timber Ridge, near Lohman's Branch of the Cacapon River. The first owner of their land was Elisha Dick of Alexandria, Va., who bought it for an investment. Dick sold the land to John D. Sutton, who sold it to the LaFollettes. William LaFollette built a log cabin with a sturdy stone chimney. They were buried in the Racey Graveyard in Hampshire County. Children of William and Jane (McKee) LaFollette were:

a. Ann LaFollette was born in 1796. She married William McKee, a first cousin on Sept. 16, 1819.

b. Elizabeth LaFollette was born in 1798. She married Michael Lohr Capper (1787.1881), son of Michael and Sarah (Stewart) Capper, Dec. 20, 1814, in Frederick County.

c. Bartholomew LaFollette was born in September 1803, and died May 6, 1895. He married Eleanor Brill, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Orndorff) Brill, Nov. 14, 1825.

d. Mary LaFollette was born in 1806. She married three times: (1) Philip Grove on Oct. 7, 1825. (2) Thomas Murphy and (3) James Morrison on Oct. 13, 1857.

e. John LaFollette was born about 1808. He married Frances Pennington, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Pennington, in 1831. They lived adjacent to his father's homeplace.

f. James LaFollette was born in 1809. He married: (1) Margaret Brill, daughter of Henry Brill. They went to Pendleton County, Kentucky in 1855, where Margaret died. (2) James then married

Nancy (McCoy) Dearington, and they moved to Howard County, Indiana, in 1867. He was the father of 14 children⁵

g. Amos LaFollette was born Sept. 25, 1810 and died Jan. 19, 1890. He first married Sarah Maria Racey, March 9, 1835. After her death he married second to Rachel Spaid, Aug. 31, 1841. They were buried in the Timber Ridge Christian Graveyard.

h. Jemima LaFollette was born Nov. 6, 1814, and died March 19, 1876. She married Hiram Spaid on April 29, 1832.

i. Margaret LaFollette was born Aug. 6, 1816, and died July 28, 1893. She married Isaiah Anderson.

j. Silas LaFollette was born circa 1820 and died very young.

k. Silas LaFollete was born Aug. 15, 1826 and died Sept. 5, 1908. He first married Elizabeth Spaid, daughter of John and Hannah (Anderson) Spaid, on Feb. 10, 1848. After her death he married second to Sarah Jane Johnson. Sarah was born Feb. 12, 1836 and died Jan. 1, 1898. They were buried in the Timber Ridge Christian Cemetery.

8. Bartholomew McKee was born on Feb. 10, 1779 in Frederick County and died June 3, 1864. He served in the War of 1812 and drew a service pension from Sept. 22, 1858 until his death. Bartholomew lived during three major wars, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the War Between the States. On Feb. 22, 1802, he married Nancy Ann Reid, who may have been a daughter of George Reid. Nancy was born Sept. 12, 1786 and died April 21, 1868, in Frederick County. The writer is in possession of the Bartholomew McKee family Bible.

a. Mercy McKee was born Jan. 22, 1803 and died Sept. 15, 1855. Her parents' family Bible stated that she married Abraham Cline or Kline, Oct. 11, 1827.⁵

b. James McKee was born on Aug. 15, 1805 and died May 28, 1831.

c. Eliza McKee was born Dec. 24, 1807 and died Aug. 17, 1893. She married John Dunlap (1799-1881). See the Dunlap chapter for more information.

5. Maud Pugh, Capon *Valley its Pioneers and Their Descendants*, (Baltimore, Maryland: Gateway Press), reprint 1982, pp. 248-259.

6. For information on one Abraham Cline see Wilmer L. Kerns. *Historical Records of Old Frederick and Hampshire Counties, Virginia*, (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 1992). P. 48.

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d. Eleanor McKee was born Oct. 6, 1810 and died Nov. 3, 1876. She married George Smith, Jr., son of George and Frances (Cutlet) Smith. Feb. 5, 1835. George was born October 1, 1807 and died Dec. 2, 1895. They lived and died in Frederick County, and were buried in Ebenezer Christian Church Cemetery on Timber Ridge. The following are known children of George and Eleanor Smith: (1) Nancy F. Smith (2) Margaret C. Smith was born in 1837. (3) James B. Smith was born June 15, 1838 and died March 3, 1886. He married a woman named Fannie, who died on Nov. 2, 1902, aged 57 years. They were buried at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Cemetery in Morgan County, W.Va. (4) Massy A Smith was born Jan. 20, 1845, and died April 26, 1926. She married Poland Fletcher, born Aug 15, 1829 and died Nov. 18, 1878. They were also buried in Ebenezer Church Cemetery. (5) Samuel Zachary Taylor Smith was born Aug. 26, 1848. and died May 17, 1888. His wife was named Ann Rebecca. (6) Patience P. Smith (7) Virginia Ellen Smith was born April 8, 1855 and died March 27, 1943. She married George Washington Ogden. They migrated to one of the counties in West Virginia.

e. Aaron McKee was born Oct. 10, 1812. It is believed that he went west, possibly settling near Kansas City.

f. Lavinia McKee was born Nov. 26, 1814 and died in February 1874. She married George Washington Marple, son of, March 2, 1836.

g. Mary Ann McKee was born on Feb. 9, 1817 and died April 1, 1882. She married William Parrish, a widower, on April 14, 1873.

h. Miriam McKee was born Dec. 1, 1818 and died Dec. 20, 1843, in Frederick County.

i. George Reid McKee was born Jan. 22, 1821, and died May 26, 1859. He was buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery at Gore, Va

j. Rebecca McKee was born on Dec. 19, 1824, and died on Jan. 27, 1838.

9. Elizabeth McKee was born Oct. 5, 1780 and died April 17, 1847. She married John Cather, son of Jasper and Barbara (Lawrence) Cather, Feb. 13, 1800. They migrated to Taylor County, Va., where they raised a large family. John was born in 1779 and died in 1859. See the previous chapter 00 for more information.

10. Ann McKee was born circa 1783. She married Thomas Davis on Nov. 7, 1801. It is believed that they migrated from Frederick County.

11. Sarah McKee was born circa 1786, and died on June 25, 1865. She married John Giffin on March 25, 1803. The officiating minister was the Rev. James Walls, who was a Methodist. John was born in 1779 and died May 16, 1850. The surname has sometimes been confused with Griffin. The Giffin family lived on Timber Ridge, near the line that divides Hampshire from Frederick County. John and Sarah Giffin were buried in the Capon Chapel Cemetery, Hampshire County.

Children of John and Sarah (McKee) Giffin were:

a. William Giffin was born on Oct. 20, 1806, and died June 29, 1882. He married Sarah 'Sally' Pugh, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gaudy) Pugh. Sally was born Jan. 27, 1811 and died Feb. 8, 1894. They were buried in the Capon Chapel Graveyard in Hampshire County.

b. Jane Giffin was born circa 1810, and died Dec. 18, 1886. She married Robert J. Pugh, son of Joseph and Mary (Gaudy) Pugh. Nov. 17, 1841, in Frederick County. Robert was born Sept. 23, 1814, and died Oct. 14, 1894. He was a farmer. They were buried at Capon Chapel In Hampshire County.

c. John Giffin Jr. was born in 1811 and died Aug. 10, 1884. He married Mary L. Brown, daughter of William and Emily Brown, on June 15, 1863. After his death, his widow, Mary, married Aquilla Householder.

d. James Giffin was born on Sept 29, 1815, and died Oct. 29, 1868. He married Eliza Jane Kackley, daughter of Abraham and Christina (Whissen) Kackley, May 3, 1842. Eliza Jane was born April 28, 1815, and died March 10, 1897. They lived near Timber Ridge, and were buried in the Bethel Methodist Graveyard.

e. Sarah Giffin, born in 1816, married William Milleson. He was a farmer In Frederick County.

1. Margaret Giffin was born June 22, 1822, and died April 10, 1886. She married Aquilla Householder. Margaret was buried in the Bethel Methodist Graveyard.

g. Bartholomew Giffin was born Sept. 2, 1825, and died May 29, 1862. He married Elizabeth Fletcher, April 6, 1848, by the Rev. Christy Sine. Elizabeth was born on April 20, 1827 and died March 14, 1901. They were buried In the Bethel Methodist Cemetery on Timber Ridge, Frederick County.

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