

Descendancy Narrative of Samuel McGee

I. Samuel McGee – born 19 Aug 1768 in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

He married Anna Gentry on 10 May 1791. Later, he married Catherine Funk, daughter of Jacob Funk and Elizabeth Borsch, on 9 Aug 1816 at Harrison County, Indiana. He came to Edgar County, Illinois in 1825. He died on 20 Aug 1844 at Edgar County, Illinois, at age 76 and was buried at Pryor/Lochenur Cemetery in Edgar County. According to an Edgar County history book, Samuel McGee was a preacher of the New Light Doctrine.

Generally, Samuel left Virginia about 1780, apparently for Kentucky and may have lived in Tennessee as well before moving to Indiana and then to Illinois. It is believed that Samuel is the son of Richard McGee who came to America in 1750 from Ireland. Richard's father was Archibald McGee who originated in Scotland and then died near Belfast, Ireland. It appears that the McGee's were part of the Plantation of Ulster in the early 1700s.

Children of Samuel McGee and Anna Gentry are:

A. Patsy² McGee

B. Gentry² McGee, who was born in 1791 in Kentucky. He died in 1830 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

C. John² McGee was born in 1792. He married Edna Field on 2 Apr 1815 at Harrison County, Indiana.

D. Sarah² McGee was born in 1793. She married Samuel Read on 22 Dec 1815 at Harrison County, Indiana.

E. James C.² McGee was born in 1795 in Kentucky and died on 17 Mar 1857 in Vermilion County, Illinois and was buried at McGee Cemetery, Vermilion County, Illinois. He came to Vermilion County in 1826 and operated a grist and sawmill there.

He married Margaret Thompson 21 Aug 1816 in Harrison County, Indiana. Later, he married Rebecca Cannady (in this narrative you'll see the name Cannady several times as the McGee and Cannady families lives seem intertwined – and the name Cannady is spelled differently in different records), daughter of William Cannady, Sr. and Rebecca Watson, on 12 Oct 1820 in Harrison County, Indiana.

Children of James C. McGee are:

1. Elizabeth (Eliza) V.³ McGee, who married James West on 8 Mar 1849 at Vermilion County, Illinois.

2. Julia Ann³ McGee, who at some point resided in Kansas

She was born on 4 Oct 1821 in Missouri. She married Thomas David Gilliland, son of Hugh Gilliland and Sarah Gilliland, on 15 Jan 1842 in Vermilion County, Illinois. She died on 2 Dec 1898 at Maple City, Cowley, Kansas, at age 77.

Children of Julia Ann McGee and Thomas Gilliland are:

a) Mary J.⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1843.

b) Joseph⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1844.

c) James Hugh⁴ Gilliland, who was born on 28 Oct 1846 in Vermilion County, Illinois. He married Margaret Snyder on 7 Jul 1867 at Danville, Illinois. He died on 20 Feb 1917 at age 70.

Children of James Hugh Gilliland and Margaret Snyder are:

(1) John E.⁵ Gilliland, who was born in 1867 in Illinois.

(2) Lillian May⁵ Gilliland was born on 29 Apr 1868 at Danville, Illinois. She married Samuel Isaiah Woods on 28 Feb 1899 at Worth County, Missouri. She died on 23 Feb 1957 at Arkansas City, Cowley, Kansas, at age 88.

(3) Thomas Davis⁵ Gilliland who was born on 23 Jul 1870.

(4) Charles K. (Henry)⁵ Gilliland who was born on 20 Sep 1871.

(5) Mary Alice⁵ Gilliland who was born on 8 Mar 1873.

(6) James Arthur⁵ Gilliland who was born on 21 Apr 1875.

(7) Elizabeth Margaret (Lizzie)⁵ Gilliland who was born on 25 Oct 1877.

(8) Robert Hamilton (Burt)⁵ Gilliland who was born on 21 Jan 1879.

(9) Guy Goodly⁵ Gilliland who was born on 15 Nov 1881 at Maple City, Cowley, Kansas.

(10) Julia Ann (Annie)⁵ Gilliland who was born on 24 Dec 1883.

(11) Eliza Ellen (Lida)⁵ Gilliland who was born on 26 Oct 1885.

(12) Amos Franklin⁵ Gilliland who was born on 9 Apr 1887 in Kansas.

(13) Nellie Rose⁵ Gilliland who was born on 28 Jan 1889.

d) Eliza A.⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1849.

e) Sarah E.⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1852.

f) Elvira C.⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1855.

g) Giles F.⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1857.

h) William H.⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1859.

i) Caroline⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1862 in Illinois.

j) Lilly⁴ Gilliland who was born in 1868 in Illinois.

4. Giles Fielding³ McGee was born on 25 Apr 1827. He married Amanda W. Francis on 3 Dec 1846 at Vermilion County, Illinois. Later, he married Elizabeth Smoot on 26 Oct 1853.

Children of Giles Fielding McGee are:

a) Nathan⁴ McGee

Child of Nathan McGee is:

(1) Charles E.⁵ McGee

b) Walter Scott⁴ McGee who was born on 7 Sep 1869 at Champaign County, Ohio.

Children of Walter Scott McGee are:

(1) Marion Elizabeth⁵ McGee who was born on 31 Mar 1902.

(2) Donald Willis⁵ McGee who was born on 18 Oct 1903.

5. Lucinda H.³ McGee was born in 1829 in Illinois. She married William H. Reams on 30 Nov 1843.

6. Elvira³ McGee was born in 1832. She married Emanuel Cooper on 27 Nov 1859 at Vermilion County, Illinois.

7. Felix William³ McGee was born in Mar 1835 at Vermilion County, Illinois. He married Samilda Jane Smoot on 26 Jan 1858. He died on 20 Oct 1908 at Urbana, Champaign, Illinois, at age 73.

Children of Felix William McGee and Samilda Smoot are:

a) John⁴ McGee who was born in 1859.

b) Elizabeth E.⁴ McGee who was born in 1863.

c) Jennetta⁴ McGee who was born in 1865.

d) Willie⁴ McGee who married Margaret Miller. He was born on 18 Jul 1867 and died in 1948.

e) Sanford J.⁴ McGee married Emma Marie Yogt. He was born in 1869.

f) Frederick Francis⁴ McGee married Mary Catherine Izard. He was born in 1872 in Illinois.

Children of Frederick McGee and Mary Izard are:

(1) Virginia C.⁵ McGee was a Real Estate Broker.

(2) Raymond Alfons⁵ McGee was born on 3 Oct 1894 at Danville, Illinois. He married Erma Earl in 1922. He died in Feb 1968 at Tampa, Florida, at age 73.

(a) Robert Raymond⁶ McGee married Grace Alida Rahm. He was born on 2 Nov 1920 at Iowa. He died on 31 Oct 1993 at Willowbrook, LAC, California, at age 72.

i) Living⁷ McGee

ii) Kathleen Sue⁷ McGee was born on 15 Jan 1945 at Maywood, California. She died on 31 Oct 1993 at Phelan, California, at age 48. She was buried on 4 Nov 1993 at Riverside Veterans Cemetery.

(b) Beryl Eugene⁶ McGee was born in 1922.

(c) Olive Marie⁶ McGee married Edward Perry. She was born on 24 Feb 1928. She died on 24 May 1999 at age 71.

(3) Hazel W.⁵ McGee was a Nun. She was born on 24 Sep 1896. She died in Jan 1992 at age 95.

(4) Lelia M.⁵ McGee was a School Teacher. She was born on 27 Sep 1898. She died in Nov 1976 at age 78.

(5) Harry I.⁵ McGee was an Evangelical Preacher. He was born on 13 Mar 1901. He died in Jul 1986 at age 85.

(6) Louis E.⁵ McGee was born on 7 Oct 1902. He died on 14 Oct 1902.

(7) Jesse L.⁵ McGee was born on 7 Oct 1902.

(8) Howard H.⁵ McGee was born on 15 Feb 1905. He died on 8 Feb 1992 at age 86.

g) Charles R.⁴ McGee was born in 1876. He died on 16 Jun 1889.

h) Emma J.⁴ McGee was born in 1880.

8. Melvina³ McGee was born in 1837. She married Lewis H. Ball on 8 Sep 1861 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

9. Marinda³ McGee married Jacob Barton (1984). She was born in 1839.

10. Permelia (Permilda)³ McGee was born in 1842, married James B. Cooper. Later she was married to Isaac McHenry.

Children of Permilda McGee and James Cooper are:

a) William N.⁴ Cooper was born in 1865.

b) Mary Emma⁴ Cooper was born in 1869.

c) Elnora (Ella)⁴ Cooper was born in 1871.

d) Effie⁴ Cooper was born in 1875.

e) Harmon⁴ Cooper was born in 1877.

f) Ida⁴ Cooper was born in 1878.

g) Asa⁴ Cooper was born in 1879.

11. Matilda Ellen³ McGee was born on 7 May 1845.

12. Marshall³ McGee married Amanda Francis. He was born in 1849.

F. Mary (Polly)² McGee was born in 1798 in Kentucky. She married Henry Cannady, son of William Cannady Sr. and Rebecca Watson, on 25 May 1820 at Harrison County, Indiana. The marriage was officiated by Samuel McGee. She married James Ogle on 4 Sep 1836. James Ogle probably died before 1850 as the 1850 census lists her living with Mansfield and Rebecca Cannady. She died in 1850 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

Children of Polly McGee and Henry Cannady are:

1. Rebecca E.³ Cannady

2. Cyrene E.³ Cannady married John Rice on 3 Jan 1850 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

3. William Mansfield³ Canady married Hannah A. Canady. He was born in 1822 in Indiana.

Children of William and Hannah Canady are:

a) Isabel R.⁴ Canady was born in 1854.

b) Elizabeth⁴ Canady was born in 1856.

c) George⁴ Canady was born in 1860.

d) John⁴ Canady was born in 1862.

e) Mary⁴ Canady was born in 1864.

f) Henry⁴ Canady was born in 1869.

4. Francis M.³ Ogle married Melissa Bailey on 25 Dec 1865.

G. John² McGee was born in 1800.

H. Elizabeth² McGee was born in 1804. She married David Williams on 13 Sep 1821 at Harrison County, Indiana.

I. William Calhoun² McGee, born in 1807 in Giles County, Tennessee (although some records indicate he was born in Kentucky). His name shows up in the Blackhawk War members organized June 1, 1832. William was a private in Captain Jesse B. Brown's Company (C) Battalion of Mounted Rangers and enlisted the first day of August 1832 and was discharged the 22nd day of July 1833.

He married Rebecca Hessey, daughter of John Hessey and Sarah Cannady, on 9 Mar 1833 in Vermilion County, IL. He died on 3 Mar 1856 at Henry, Newton County, Missouri. Ten children were born to this marriage.

Children of William C. McGee and Rebecca Hessey:

1. Kitturah³ McGee who was born in 1835 at Vermilion, Illinois. She died in 1840.

2. Nancy³ McGee who was born in 1837. She died in 1842.

3. N.³ McGee who was born in 1838 at Vermilion, Illinois.

4. John Ferris³ McGee (386) was born on 19 Dec 1839 at St. Louis, Missouri. He married Sarah Jane Watson, daughter of James Watson, on 27 Dec 1860 at Catlin, Vermilion County, IL. He married Mary E. Gorman, daughter of James Gorman and Deborah (Debry) Gorman, on 24 Dec 1871 at Vermilion County, IL. He married Elizabeth Hessey, daughter of Abram Hessey, in 1874. He died on 21 Mar 1903 at Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois, at age 63.

a) Rebecca Jane⁴ McGee was born in 1861 at Vermilion County, IL. She was buried on 2 Aug 1865 at Johnson Cemetery.

b) Joseph Thomas⁴ McGee was born in 1863. He was buried on 2 Aug 1865 at Johnson Cemetery.

c) Precious⁴ McGee was born in 1865.

d) Hattie⁴ McGee was born in 1873. She married Theodore Thomas Cannon on 11 Mar 1891.

e) Hattie⁴ McGee

f) Mary M. (Mamie)⁴ McGee was born in Dec 1877 in Indiana.

g) Ferris A.⁴ McGee was born in Apr 1883 in Illinois. He married Lida Haas on 28 Sep 1904.

5. Caroline³ McGee was born in 1841 at Missouri. She married George Stikler on 11 Apr 1861 in Vermilion County, IL.

6. Joseph T³ McGee married Eva A. Greenleaf. He was born on 11 Jul 1843 at Greene County, Missouri. He died Nov. 10, 1862 of typhoid dysentery in Danville, Kentucky, at age 19.

7. Rebecca Caroline³ McGee was born on 29 Jun 1845 in Greene Co., Missouri. She married Francis Marion Clem, son of Eli H. Clem and Sarah Wilson, on 30 Dec 1864 at State Line, Indiana. She died on 16 Jan 1911 at Danville, IL, at age 65 and was buried at Springhill Cemetery.

Children of Rebecca McGee and Francis Clem are:

a) Tacie⁴ Clem married Ezra Hartman. She was born in 1866.

b) Adelia⁴ Clem was born in 1868.

c) Mattie⁴ Clem was born in Dec 1868.

d) Frank⁴ Clem was born in 1875. The 1900 census shows him living in Blount Township, Vermilion County, Illinois with his sister Mattie, Jacob Clem and Jacob Clem, Sr.

e) Willie⁴ Clem was born in 1875.

f) Dora⁴ Clem was born in 1878 and married a man named Trent

g) Daniel⁴ Clem was born in 1878.

8. William Hesse³ McGee was born on 31 Aug 1848 in Greene County, Missouri. He married Julia Catherine Reeder, daughter of George Reeder and Catherine Cretors, on 8 May 1878 at Danville, IL. Later, he married Sarah Jane (Jennie) Lane Grimes, daughter of William Lane and Minerva Ellen Cramer, on 8 Aug 1898 at Danville, IL. Sarah J. Lane Grimes was born in 1865 and had two children of her own by a previous marriage, Jackob and Russell Grimes, born in 1889 and 1895. The 1900 census shows them living at 1207 Martin St. in Danville, IL in 1900 with Sarah and George McGee, William's son. He married Ella J. McGuire on 17 Jun 1905. He died on 15 Jun 1937 at R.R. 4, Rockville, IN, at age 88. He was buried on 17 Jun 1937 at Bloomingdale, IN, in the Friends cemetery. The death certificate lists William H. as a widower but his wife's name on the death certificate was Kate McGee. His death certificate lists his occupation as a carpenter.

Children of William H. McGee and Julia Reeder

a) Stella E.⁴ McGee was born in 1879 in Illinois.

c) William F.⁴ McGee was born on 24 Dec 1881 at Hillary, Vermilion County, Illinois. He married Cora Annette Frazier, daughter of Sylvester M. Frazier and Kitturah Ann Webb, on 12 Jun 1904 at Hillsboro, Fountain County, Indiana.

He died on 11 Jan 1960 at Marshall, Indiana, at age 78. He was buried on 15 Jan 1960 at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Marshall, Indiana. Funeral services were at the Davies Funeral Home in Marshall, Indiana

Children of William McGee and Cora Frazier are:

(1) Ruby F.⁵ McGee was born on 5 Apr 1905 at Hillary, Vermilion, Illinois. She died on 25 Apr 1905 and is buried at Blount Cemetery, Vermilion, Illinois.

(2) Laverne Elizabeth⁵ McGee was born on 5 Aug 1906 at Hillary, Vermilion County, Illinois. She died on 20 Jan 1909 at age 2 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Vermilion, Illinois.

(3) Earl Wesley⁵ McGee was born on Sep 5, 1908 at Hillary, Vermilion County, Illinois. He married Ruth Esther Thorpe, daughter of Irvin Lee Thorpe and Eunice Bockman, on 2 Aug 1932 at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. He died on 1 Apr 1967 at Macon, Bibb, GA, at age 58 and was buried at Cochran - Bleckly Memorial Gardens, Hawkinsville, GA.

(4) Gordon Ferris⁵ McGee was born on 12 Feb 1912 in Parke County, Indiana. He married Living Miller, daughter of John Clinton Miller and Ada Hutts, on 22 May 1937 at Fountain County, Indiana. He died on 29 Aug 1988 at Marshall, Indiana, at age 76. He was buried at Poplar Cemetery, Marshall, Indiana.

(5) Dorothea⁵ McGee was born on 16 Oct 1914 at Parke County, Indiana. She married Fred Penn in 1938.

c) Hattie⁴ McGee was born on 11 Feb 1888 in Blount Township, Vermilion County, Illinois. She married Robert O. Hughes on 27 Sep 1909 at Lisbon, Ransom County, North Dakota. The 1920 census has Hattie and Robert living in Roseburg, Oregon. Later, she married Clarence Love. She died in Mar 1975 at Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana, at age 87. She was buried at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Marshall, Parke, Indiana.

Children of Hattie McGee and Robert Hughes are:

(1) Helen L.⁵ Hughes was born in 1911 in North Dakota.

(2) William Robert⁵ Hughes was born in 1913 in North Dakota.

d) George⁴ McGee was born on 1 Mar 1890. He married Josephine E Beddow, daughter of Benjamin R Beddow and Flora Bella Draper, on 17 Jun 1908. He died in Jul 1972 at age 82.

Children of George McGee and Josephine Beddow are:

(1) Harold Edwin⁵ McGee was born on 21 Nov 1909. He married Marion Knighton on 6 Jun 1934 at Riverside, Cook County, Illinois. He died in Apr 1988 at age 78.

(2) Albert Benjamin⁵ McGee was born on 18 Nov 1912 in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. He married Dorothy Erickson in 1932 at Winnebago, Illinois. He died on 12 May 1987 at Shafter, CA, at age 74.

(3) Ruth Madeline⁵ McGee was born on 26 April 1915 in Ransom County, North Dakota. She married Russell Soper.

(4) George Woodrow⁵ McGee was born on 17 Jan 1918.

(5) William Wilson⁵ McGee was born on 17 Jan 1918 in Ransom County, North Dakota. He married Jane M. Brauer, daughter of Heiko J. Brauer and Dorothy Pollard, on 23 May 1941. He died on 16 Sep 1981 at Winnebago, Illinois, at age 63 and is buried in the Winnebago Cemetery.

e) Catherine⁴ McGee was born in 1902.

9. Martha E.³ McGee, born on 21 Dec 1850 in Scott, Arkansas, married a Mr. Krieger. The 1870 census indicates she was working as a domestic servant in Vermilion County Illinois.

10. James S.³ McGee, born in 1857 in Missouri, married Lillie A. McGee (married name). He was a school teacher in Big Creek, Henry County, Missouri in the 1880 Census. The 1880 census also shows his mother, Rebecca, living with him at that time.

J. Anna² McGee was born in 1809. She married John Cannady, son of William Sr. Cannady and Rebecca Watson, on 10 Dec 1829 at Vermilion County, Illinois. The wedding was officiated by Samuel McGee. She died in 1841 at Vermilion County, Illinois.

Children of Anna McGee and John Cannady are:

1. Cynthia A.³ Cannady married James Martin on 6 Mar 1851.

2. Franklin Maxwell³ Cannady was born in 1831. He married Mary E. Juvenall on 3 Dec 1855 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

3. Alexander F.³ Cannady was born in 1837. He married Maria J. Juvenall on 9 Dec 1858 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

K. Harding² McGee was born in 1817 in Breckenridge, Kentucky. He married Elizabeth Bradshaw on 23 Oct 1838 in Edgar County, Illinois. He died on 22 Apr 1856 in Edgar County, Illinois.

Children of Harding McGee and Elizabeth Bradshaw are:

1. Sarah³ McGee was born in 1841. She married Philander Salmon on 27 Feb 1859 in Edgar County, Illinois.
2. William H³ McGee was born in 1843.
3. Mary C³ McGee was born in 1847.
4. Richard³ McGee was born in 1847.
5. Leander³ McGee was born in Mar 1852. He died on 19 Oct 1855 at age 3.

Child of Samuel McGee and Catherine Funk:

L. Richard² McGee was born in 1822 in Harrison County, Indiana. He married Hannah Ann Mason on 31 Dec 1842 at Edgar County, Illinois. He married Ellen Kimble, daughter of Jacob Trowbridge and Sarah Shepard, on 8 Apr 1856 in Edgar County, Illinois. He married Mary Ann Kernutt on 18 Aug 1875. He served time in the Joliet penitentiary in 1860 for two years for burglary and beginning in 1878 for murder until he died in 1885. His conviction for murder was based on the fact that he was an abortionist and one of his patients died. His second wife had the marriage annulled.

Children of Richard McGee and Hannah Mason are:

1. William S.³ McGee was born in 1844 in Edgar County, Illinois.
2. Philo A.³ McGee was born in Dec 1844 in Edgar County, Illinois. He married Susannah Charlotte Wilkins, daughter of William S. Wilkins and Elizabeth Mayo on 14 Mar 1871.

Children of Philo McGee and Susannah Wilkins are:

- a) Ottis Iola⁴ McGee married William F Moats on 1 Mar 1897 at Edgar, Illinois.
 - b) Gustav⁴ (Gussie) McGee was born in Jun 1879 in Illinois. The 1910 census shows Gussie living with her parents and brother as a widow. Her married name was Rodman
 - c) Arthur⁴ McGee was born in Oct 1884 in Illinois.
3. Bruce (Bub)³ McGee was born in 1850 in Edgar County, Illinois.
 4. Delinco³ McGee was born in 1850.
 5. Laura³ B. McGee was born in 1852. She married Winfield Wilkins, son of William S. Wilkins and Elizabeth Mayo, on 21 Jan 1869.