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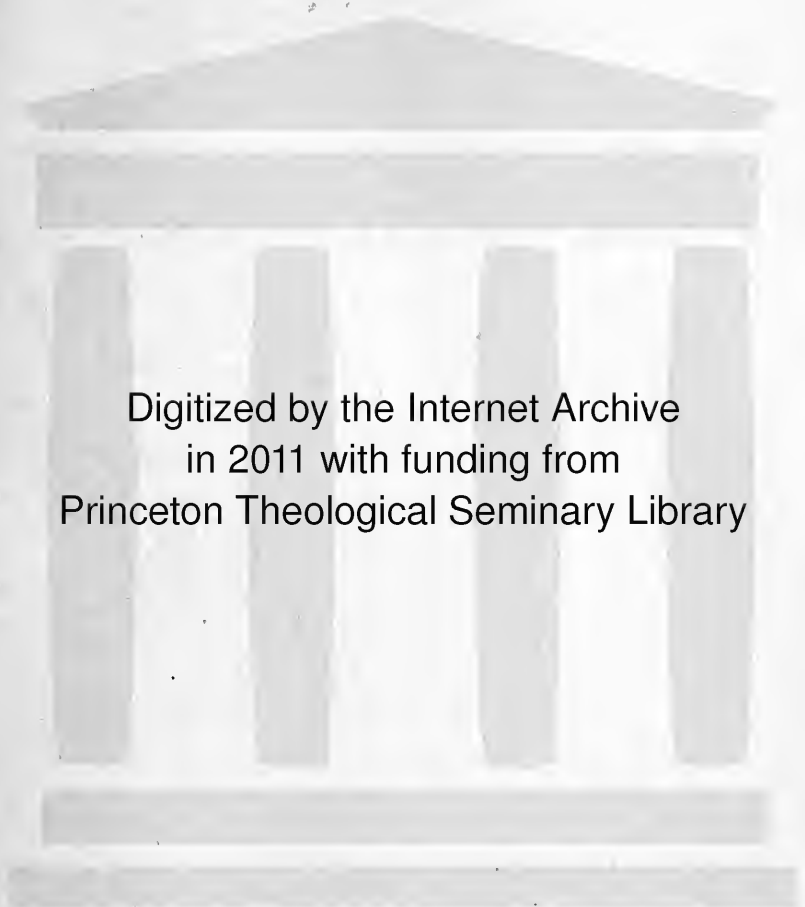
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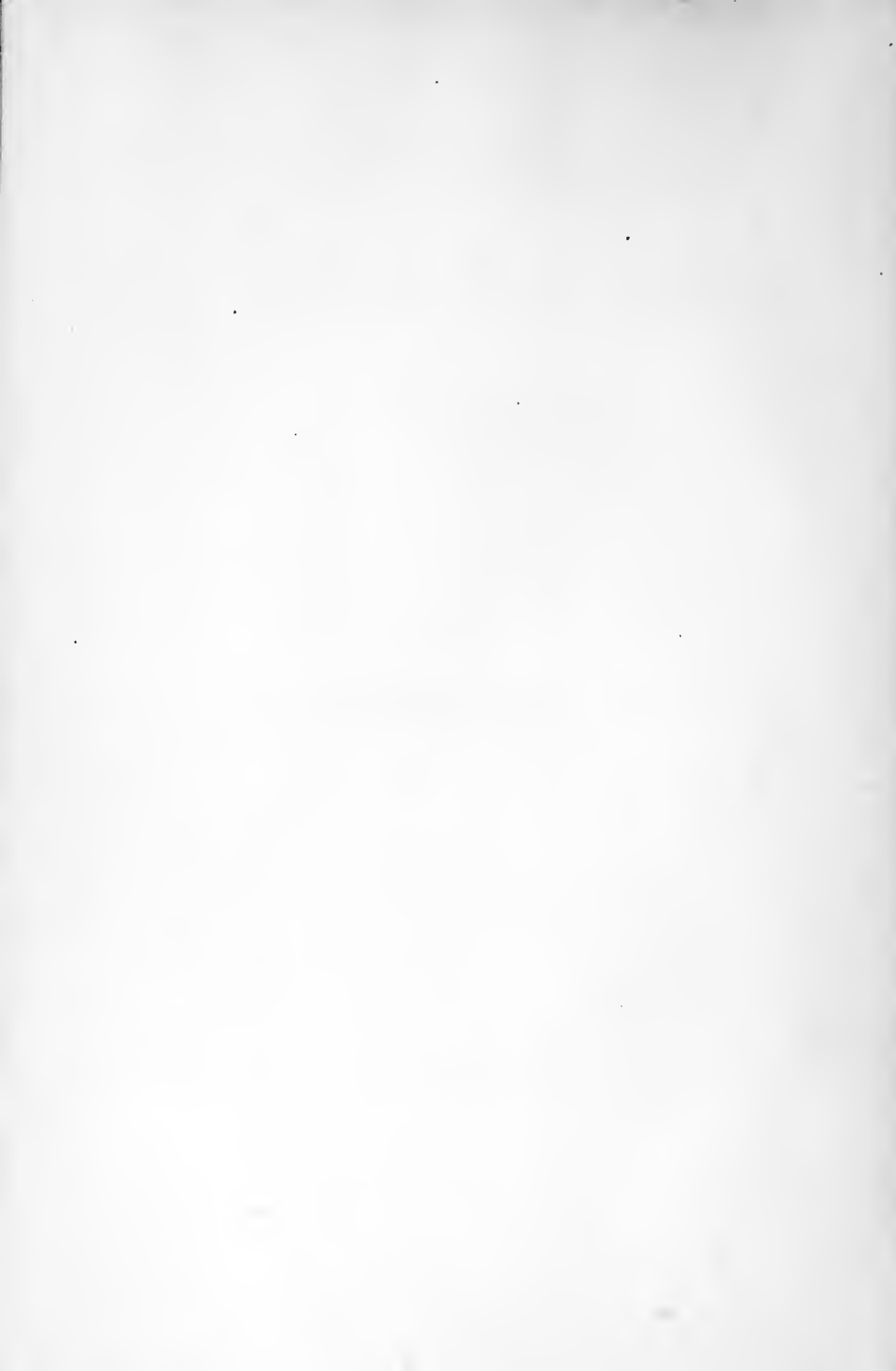
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## PREFACE

IN the Ohio home of my boyhood, I listened with interest to accounts of Our People who lived beyond the mountains on the Blue Juniata, and also to Tales of Ancestors in County Down and in Scotland. As I grew toward manhood, I found it easy to lay up in memory or in written memoranda anything that came to me in that line, and with continued interest and appreciation.

About ten years since, correspondence was opened with Dr. W. T. Knott of Lebanon, Ky., who wrote that he was giving some attention to preparing a McElroy History, and that he would be pleased if I could furnish him a sketch of my own Tribe, and any other information that I might be able to secure. During a few years following, records, more or less full, of about twenty tribes were procured and forwarded.

Dr. Knott was hindered, by protracted sickness in his family, from completing the history, until, at length, his own final illness closed his earthly work.

After his death, which occurred in February, 1899, his son, Mr. J. M. Knott, returned to me the material that had been forwarded, together with his father's unfinished manuscript, with liberty to use it as I might see fit. It seemed to me that the accumulated genealogical data of the numerous McElroy families ought not to be lost; and to secure its preservation, in permanent and accessible shape, the preparation of this work was entered upon. The result is embodied in this account of "The Scotch-Irish McElroys."

It is not the genealogy of a single family, but sketches, more or less full, of some twenty-four families, whose common head is veiled from view amid the hills and heather, the mists and the traditions of Scotland.

In arranging for the publication of this book the author has had valuable assistance from James F. McElroy of Albany, who also carried the work through the press.

The illustrations, which many will look upon with great interest and pleasure, are the work of the Albany Engraving Company.

THE AUTHOR.

OTTUMWA, IOWA,

*January 1, 1901.*

## ORIGIN OF THE NAME McELROY

THE name McElroy has been in use for many centuries. In O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees it can be traced back a thousand years, or probably even to the times of St. Patrick. One of the proofs that it is a very old name is found in the fact that it belongs to both Ireland and Scotland and is common to both Catholics and Protestants. The Irish people are Celts, and also probably one-half of the Scotch, specially those of Western Scotland. The Irish language and the Gaelic of the Scotch Highlands are substantially the same. The Emerald Isle was called, in the times of the Picts and Scots, Scotia, or the land of the Scots. In the ninth century these Scots from south of the Irish Sea, moved in vast hordes upon the North land overcoming the Southern Picts and contending with the Northern Picts for supremacy with the ultimate result that the country became Scott-land, with a race of Scottish kings on the throne. With this division of the original Scots there seems to have been a division of the McElroys. A part of them were doubtless among these invaders of Scotland. They remained there for centuries and in the Reformation times became Protestants, and at length persecuted exiles, coming back and settling in North Ireland.

Others of the McElroys remained in Ireland and their descendants are the Catholic McElroys of South Ireland of to-day. Of late many Catholic McElroys are found in America. In Philadelphia and Pittsburgh there are more Catholic McElroys than Protestants.

### THE FORM AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME McELROY.

Its most ancient form, given in O'Hart's Pedigrees, is Gil-  
lereagh. In a late Scottish work of some research by Frank  
Adam, Edinburgh, 1896, it is claimed that McElroy is derived  
from, or was originally McGillivray.

The impression has prevailed pretty extensively among those bearing the name that McElroy means Son-of-a-king. However flattering to our pride we think this definition cannot be sustained. Roy, the only part of the name that suggests kingship, is not Latin, nor is it French. The whole name is Gaelic or Celtic, and Roy in the Celtic language does not mean king.

Mac or Mc means son. A thorough investigation will show that El or Il preceded by Mac is but an abbreviated form of MacGill. The word Gill or Gilli means servant, disciple, outdoor attendant. Its least favorable equivalent is Gilly, as used by Sir Walter Scott and others. It was often used in a religious sense: Gilchrist, servant of Christ; Gilpatrick, servant of St. Patrick; Gillibrede, servant of St. Bridget.

The syllable or syllables following Gill or Gilli describe the kind of servant, or set forth something in his personal appearance or character.

According to O'Hart *reagh* means gray-haired, and McGil-lereagh means "son of the gray-haired servant." The name changed in form as generations passed, becoming McGilre, McGillroy, McKilroy, McIlroy, McCulroy, McHilroy and McElroy. It will be noticed that all these differing forms when pronounced rapidly, with the accent on the last syllable, are the same to the ear.

The form McIlroy is widely used at the present time among those who bear the name in Ireland and Scotland.

There are those who claim that "roy" in our name means *red* and that Mac-El-roy means son of the red servant.

If the Scottish derivation from McGillivray be accepted, what would the name mean? I took the liberty of referring the question to Professor Robinson of Harvard University, one of the few scholars in our country who are versed in the Celtic language and literature.

In reply he says: "I think it unlikely that the name (McElroy) should be the same as McGillivray \* \* \* \*. This name in Gaelic is McGillebhrath, and means "Son of the servant of judgment."



We seem to have three definitions to choose from: "Son of the gray-haired servant," "Son of the red servant" and "Son of the servant of judgment." The first of these seems to the writer to have the strongest support.

It seems plain that the McElroys must give up their kingly claims. We are servants. But the honor or dishonor in the case depends altogether on who is our master.

#### THEIR LOCATION IN SCOTLAND.

The locality in Scotland from which the McElroys came to North Ireland is not certainly known. Dr. W. T. Knott is of the opinion that they lived in the counties of Argyle and Lanark. There are traditions, referred to elsewhere, that they came from the region of Glasgow, which is in the County of Lanark.

The McElroys were not Highlanders in the strict sense of the term. They were of Celtic origin, and their ancestors had no doubt been identified with the Gaelic Highlanders. They never constituted a distinct clan, but were connected with the McGilvrays, if not identical with them, and even the McGilvrays were not a clan, but only a sept or dependency of the Clan McGillivray, and entitled to wear their Tartan.

There was, as generations and centuries passed, a considerable intermingling of Gaels with the Lowlanders. Glasgow was not remote from the border and so it came to pass that our forefathers had become in the times of John Knox dwellers in the Lowlands and subject to those religious influences which transformed them into Bible Christians and Covenanters.

The Highlanders in the mountains had scarcely felt the influence of Presbyterianism, or of the Reformation, and knew almost nothing of the Bible. They were illiterate and fierce and brave. Six thousand of them responded to the call of the authorities and descended upon the Lowlands to assist in exterminating the Covenanters. The persecutions ceased with the Revolution of 1688. Untold miseries in one form or another had come upon the people of Scotland. Violent death, imprisonment, banishment, not to speak of impoverishment, had been the lot of many

thousands. It was estimated that nine thousand persons had fled the country—a majority of them to North Ireland.

There had been more or less of migration to Ireland in earlier times. The Scottish regiments sent south at the time of the Irish Rebellion in 1641 probably contained some McElroy soldiers. And in the Plantation of Ulster under Cromwell at least one of that name is enrolled among the new settlers. O'Hart refers to a McIlroy among Cromwell's colonists who settled in County Down and there acquired considerable wealth.

This brings us to the traditionary accounts in the following pages of our forefathers coming from Scotland "time o' the persecutions" and settling in different parts of Ulster, specially in County Derry and County Down.

#### THE EMIGRATION FROM ULSTER TO AMERICA.

Less than forty years after the Revolution of 1688, when the persecutions in Scotland ceased, the Scotch dwellers in North Ireland began to migrate to America. There were reasons for the movement. The Scotch colonists and refugees had been a great blessing to Ulster. They had brought with them industry and thrift which resulted in material prosperity. Land increased in productiveness and value, and better dwellings were erected. Landlordism greedily appropriated the gain and raised rents to the highest notch, and the people became grievously discontented.

Another cause for the large migration from Ireland was the repressive measures adopted by the English government toward commerce and agriculture. At first these industries were fostered, and the encouragement given, particularly to the culture of flax, so increased the linen trade that there was danger of Ireland controlling the market. Then there was a change of policy, and by indirect yet effectual means Ireland's trade was hindered and repressed and that of England promoted. A similar course in regard to agriculture placed Ireland's products under embargo, that English farmers might not suffer by the competition.

A third cause and a potent one was religious intolerance. These Scotch people in Ireland were attached earnestly and per-

haps obstinately to the doctrines and order of the Presbyterian Church. They were treated however by the government and by the authorities of the established church as dissenters and dangerous to the state. Marriages solemnized by their ministers were declared invalid and the legitimacy of the children of such marriages was called in question. And all Presbyterians were excluded from civil and military offices of every kind.

It is not strange that our Scotch forefathers, almost *en masse*, rose up and set their faces toward America. The historian Froude tells us that "during the first half of the eighteenth century, Down, Antrim, Tyrone, Armagh and Derry were emptied of Protestant inhabitants who were of more value to Ireland than California gold-mines." These emigrants entered our country mainly at the ports of Boston, Philadelphia and Charleston.

Dr. Robert Baird in his "History of Religion in America" states that "from 1729 to 1750 about twelve thousand annually came from Ulster to America."





CHARLES COOPER McELROY



## THE BUCKS COUNTY (PA.) McELROYS

### WILLIAM, OF NOKAMIXON TOWNSHIP

THE earliest migration of McElroys from North Ireland to America occurred, according to our information, about the year A. D. 1717. A large family came in that year to Philadelphia and settled a few miles north of that city on the Delaware in Bucks County. We do not know the Christian name of the head of the family, nor precisely where in North Ireland they had lived. It is probable that they came from the southern part of County Down. They were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, but in later years a number of them became identified with the Episcopal Church.

From "Pennsylvania Archives," Vol. II, third series, p. 76, we learn that William McElroy obtained warrant for certain lands in Nokamixon Township, Bucks County, on the ninth day of August, 1749.

The will of William McElroy, on record at Doylestown, was probated October 31, 1765. His wife was Jean. His three daughters, all married, were Agnes Scott, Sarah Jones and Jean Jones. He had two sons, Alexander and George, who were only eight to ten years old when their father died. At the opening of the Revolutionary war these two young men were connected with a military company in Nokamixon Township, but being under age, were registered as "associators."

Agnes Scott became the mother of seven children, the first of these, William, named for her father, was born September 8, 1747. Her sixth child, Alexander, was born in 1761, and one younger probably in 1763. From these records I infer that Agnes was married in 1746, and that her birth was about 1720, and that her father, William McElroy, was born in Ireland prior to 1700, and that he may have been 25 to 30 years of age when his father came to Bucks County in 1717.

## COL. ARCHIBALD, OF BRISTOL.

From "Pennsylvania Archives," Vol. XIV, p. 204, we learn that Archibald McElroy was Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Battalion, Bucks County militia, commissioned May 10, 1780. His will, on record at Doylestown, was probated March 31, 1806, his death having occurred February 14, 1806. His wife was Sarah. His children were John, Sarah, Archibald, Schuyler, and a daughter Ann, who married Little. His residence, Bristol Borough. Archibald and Schuyler are supposed to have migrated northward, settling at or near Rome, N. Y., but of their history or descendants we have no knowledge. The daughter, Sarah, a beautiful and popular young woman, was the occasion of a fatal duel—in 1798—between two army officers. In the burial ground of St. James' Church, Bristol, a stone marks the grave of Capt. John Sharp, of the Tenth United States Infantry, the challenger, and near by is the grave of Sarah, who died unmarried.

The oldest son, John, married a Miss Goodman of Philadelphia. His second marriage occurred January 11, 1798, to Ann Cooper, a wealthy Virginia widow, a half sister of Commodore Richard Dale, of the United States navy. They lived for some years on the old homestead three miles below Bristol, the present site of "The Mary Drexel Home," in the northern suburbs of Philadelphia. The descendants of John McElroy are numerous and widely scattered. Some of them are in business in Philadelphia, but the major part of them reside in the town of Beverly, N. J., just across the Delaware from Bristol. The wife of Col. Archibald McElroy, according to tradition, was Sarah McClelland, and her cousin is said to have been the wife of General Heister Clymer. The maiden name of the Colonel's mother in Ireland is said to have been Susanna Young.

What relationship existed between William of Nokamixon Township and Archibald of Bristol borough—both of Bucks County? Were they brothers? Probably not. Possibly the latter was a nephew of the former. There was also a David McElroy



who, according to the register of Christ Church, Philadelphia, was married March 20, 1801, to Eliza Anderson. An examination of deeds and court records at Doylestown would probably throw light upon the above questions and also give us the Christian name of the original head of the Bucks County McElroys.

John McElroy and his wife Ann Cooper were the parents of eighteen children, including three sets of twins. Only nine of them reached adult age and all of them have passed away. Two or more grandsons bearing the McElroy name are in Beverly, N. J., two or more are in business in Philadelphia, and one, John McElroy, resides at Black Hills, S. D.

AGNES SCOTT.

A granddaughter, Mrs. Alice McElroy Wright, of California, a sister to John, of South Dakota, has brought me under obligations by her intelligent and full letters relating to family history and traditions. She and husband and entire family of Bucks County McElroys are highly connected, and have a just pride in their family history from Colonial times. They are connected by blood or marriage with the Coopers of the south and with Fenimore Cooper, the novelist; with the Cutlers of New England, and with the Penns of Pennsylvania. She was born at Beverly, N. J., but has resided for ten years past in California, is a great-granddaughter of Col. Archibald McElroy. Her grandfather, John McElroy, who married a sister of Commodore Richard Dale, was a man of wealth and influence and a member of the State Legislature, residing on his estate in what is now known as Eddington-on-the-Delaware. Her father, Charles Cooper McElroy, was educated for the Episcopal ministry, but was hindered by failure of health from taking orders. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Wright, she was the widow of the distinguished civil engineer Andrew Ellison, Jr.

Gustavus W. T. Wright was the eldest son of the late Robert Clinton Wright of Baltimore, and grandson of Governor and United States Senator Robert M. Wright of Maryland. Born in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, and brought up in Baltimore, he returned,

in his early manhood, to the former city, where, as coffee merchant and banker, he spent twenty-three years. In 1880 he returned to the United States, residing of late years in California.

Hon. Warren Scott Dungan traces his ancestry back to Rev. Thomas Dungan, a native of England, who settled in Bucks County, A. D. 1682, and who was the first Baptist minister in Pennsylvania; to Robert Scott of Edinburgh, a member of the Scottish Parliament, whose son John came to Bucks County about 1720, and to William McElroy, whose daughter Agnes married John Scott, Jr., in Bucks County.

W. S. DUNGAN,<sup>5</sup> ISABELLA MCFARREN<sup>4</sup> (DUNGAN), MARY SCOTT<sup>3</sup> (MCFARREN), AGNES McELROY<sup>2</sup> (SCOTT), WILLIAM McELROY<sup>1</sup>.

Mr. Dungan was born in Beaver County, Pa., in 1822. Attended the academy at Frankford Springs. Was a teacher in Pennsylvania, Virginia and the remote south. Became a lawyer. Settled in Iowa, at Chariton, 1856, where he continues to reside. Was five times elected to the Iowa Legislature—three times as senator and twice as member of the house, and in 1893 was chosen Lieutenant-Governor. Was a soldier in the Thirty-fourth Iowa Infantry; enlisting as a private, elected captain, and returning after three years' service as lieutenant-colonel of his regiment.

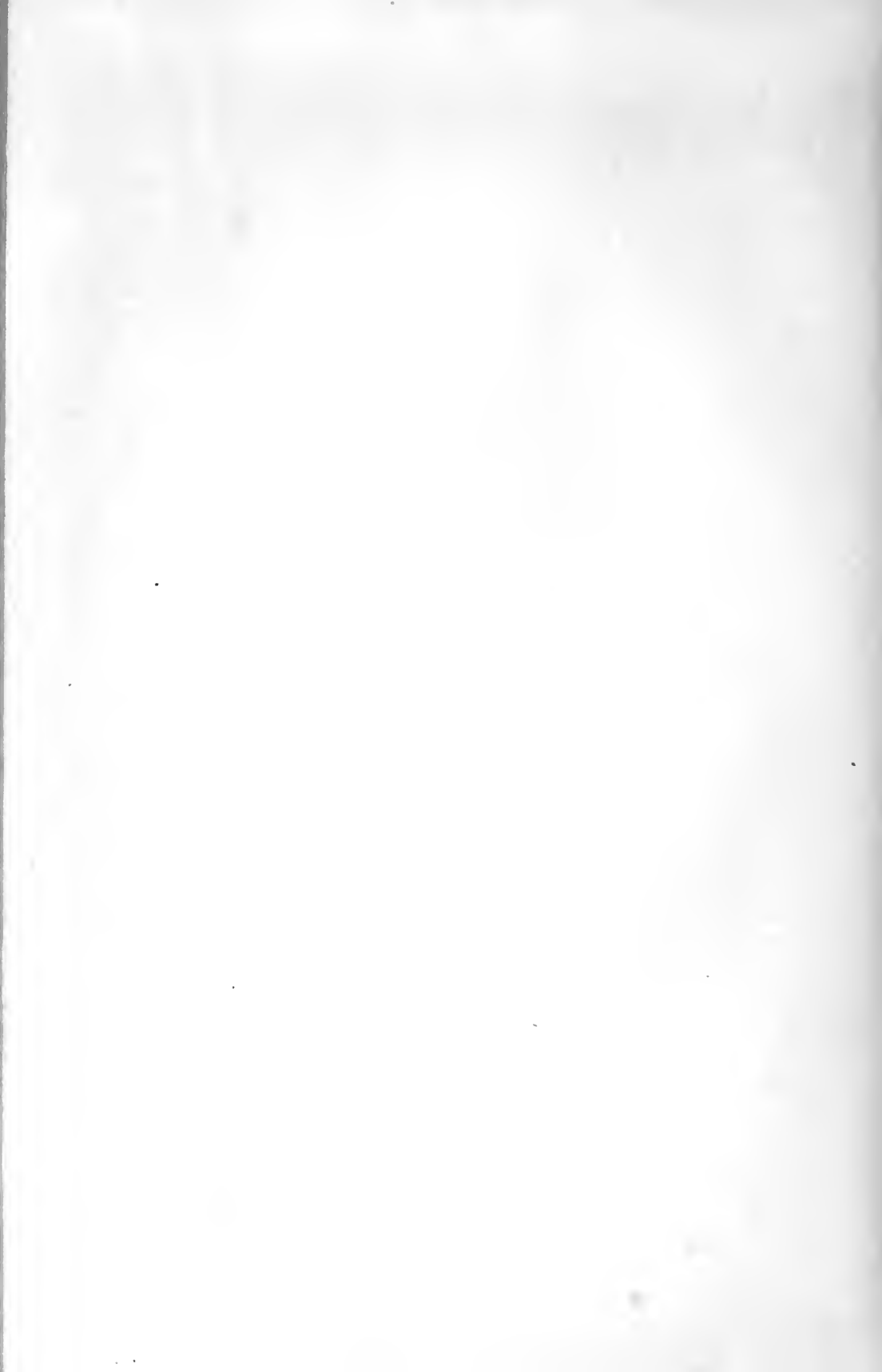
Governor Dungan married, in 1859, Miss Abby Kingman Procter, of Massachusetts, who died in 1882. Five daughters are living; a son and a daughter are deceased. A member and ruling elder in the Chariton Presbyterian Church, and a commissioner, three times, in the General Assembly from Des Moines Presbytery. He is now President of the Scotch-Irish Society of Iowa.

AGNES McELROY SCOTT.

Of the family of William McElroy the only one whose history or descendants are known to us is Agnes, who married John Scott. The father of John Scott came from Edinburgh about 1725 and settled on the Neshaminy, becoming a member of the



MRS. ALICE McELROY-WRIGHT



Neshaminy Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. William Tennant was pastor. His three sons, Moses, Matthew and John, were officers in General Washington's army, the first a surgeon, the second captain and the third commissary. Captain Matthew Scott is honored as the ancestor of Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes, wife of ex-President R. B. Hayes.

John Scott and his wife, Agnes, resided in Northampton County, Pa., some miles north of Easton, and just across the Delaware from Belvidere, N. J. They had seven children, the first born in 1747, and the last in 1763. Their fourth child, Mary or Polly, married (1784) William McFarren. The late Rev. Samuel McFarren, D. D., of Congruity, Pa., was their grandson. Another grandson, Hon. Warren Scott Dungan, of Chariton, is widely and well known as a lawyer, Presbyterian elder and late Lieutenant-Governor of Iowa.

The fifth child of John and Agnes Scott was Rev. George McElroy Scott, a pioneer Presbyterian minister, who lived and labored many years in Western Pennsylvania and who also did missionary work in Ohio. Governor Dungan has vivid recollections of this venerable uncle and relates some interesting reminiscences. One of these is worthy to be put upon record. During one of his trips through the Ohio wilderness he spent a night at a settler's cabin, where he noticed a fine mastiff. He paid little attention to him, did not fondle or try to make friends with him, for he was not an admirer of dogs. Resuming his lone horseback journey next morning he noticed the dog following him. He tried to drive the animal back, but without success. After some hours' travel, when passing through the dense woods, a highwayman sprang to his bridle-bit and, seizing it, demanded his money. Then the dog appeared on the scene and took right hold, biting and shaking the villain until he was glad to get away with his wounds and his life. Soon after this the dog turned homeward and could not be coaxed to go further. This the minister regarded as a "Special Providence."

John W. Scott, D. D., son of the foregoing, was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and died in Washington, D. C.,

in 1892. He graduated at Washington College in 1823, and from Yale College a year later, and then for fifty years was among the most prominent and successful educators in the country. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Oxford in 1830. His wife was Mary P., daughter of John Neal. He held a professorship in Washington College, Pennsylvania, four years; in Miami University seventeen years, and in Farmer's College, Ohio, four years. He was president of Oxford Female College ten years, and was also on duty for a time in Hanover College, Indiana, and in Monongahela College.

Dr. Scott's daughter, Carrie, married Benjamin Harrison, who became President of the United States. Her venerable father had his home with her during his declining years. There, amid those unique surroundings where Death has seldom made his appearance, father and daughter both met the last summons and passed from earth.



HON. WARREN SCOTT DUNGAN





## THE KENTUCKY McELROYS

ABOUT the year A. D. 1729, James McElroy, with his young wife, Sarah McCune (or McCue, or McHugh) left County Down, Ireland, for America on the ship "George and Ann," sailing from Belfast. A number of other immigrants accompanied them, including McCunes, McDowells, McCampbells, McKees, and the Rev. John Irvine and wife. They landed at Philadelphia, and stopped for a time in Bucks County. It is probable that the McElroys already in Bucks County were kindred and friends, and they would naturally turn aside to visit them and get desired information. Possibly they may have remained there several years.

Thence they went west to Cumberland County, toward which the current of Scotch-Irish immigration was about that time flowing very strongly. There, on the extreme frontier, amid privations and perils, they lived some twenty-five years. The Indians were numerous and troublesome, and becoming more and more hostile. A daughter of Rev. John Irvine, Nancy, some fifteen years of age, was captured by the savages but subsequently rescued by a party of kinsmen and neighbors. The French and Indian war was looming up in the distance, precluding the further advance of migration westward, and as the emigrant ships continued to arrive at Philadelphia, the flow of immigrant travel was deflected southward from Cumberland and Franklin counties into and through the great valley of Virginia toward the south. Thousands of home hunters about the year 1760 and later took this route, as Providentially ordered, and found homes in Southern Virginia and the Carolinas. Such was the lot of the families of James McElroy and Rev. John Irvine. They found home and residence in Campbell County, Southern Virginia. It is probable that the two older sons of James McElroy married in Pennsyl-

vania. During the stormy years of the Revolution these families resided in Campbell County, and there the parents are supposed to have reached the end of life's journey.

Some years after the war closed the three younger sons removed with their families to the extreme frontier in Kentucky. They and their numerous descendants have given name to the entire tribe of which James McElroy was the head, "The Kentucky McElroys."

CHILDREN OF JAMES<sup>1</sup> AND SARAH McELROY.

1. John<sup>2</sup> b. Ireland or Pennsylvania, m. ———
2. Archibald<sup>2</sup> b. Pennsylvania. m. 1st ———. 2d Thompson. Died October 7, 1770.
3. Hugh<sup>2</sup> b. Pennsylvania. m. Esther Irvine, Virginia.
4. Samuel<sup>2</sup> m. Mary Irvine, Virginia.
5. James<sup>2</sup> m. Margaret Irvine, Virginia.

The five sons and their father were participants in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars. Archibald<sup>2</sup> was killed in the battle of Kings Mountain. Samuel<sup>2</sup> was present as a soldier at the surrender of Cornwallis. The two older brothers may have married in Pennsylvania. The family removed to Campbell County, South Virginia, about 1760. The three younger sons married, in Virginia, three sisters, daughters of Rev. John Irvine. We have no positive information as to the wife of John.<sup>2</sup> He is said to have removed from Virginia to South Carolina. His descendants are probably in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and other Southern states. The three younger brothers removed to Kentucky, 1787-89, settling in what is now Marion County, at Lebanon and also at Springfield.

ARCHIBALD<sup>2</sup> McELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) b. Pennsylvania, 1730-1740. Date and place of marriage not known. His second wife, a widow, her name (whether maiden or widow name not known) was Thompson. Each wife was the mother of several children. Was a Revolutionary soldier, killed in the battle of Kings Mountain, 7 October, 1770. Resided near Kings Mountain.

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD.<sup>2</sup>

John.<sup>3</sup>

William.<sup>3</sup>

James.<sup>3</sup>

A daughter, Ruth, who married Bowen or Bowman, lived at Spartansburg, S. C.

Archibald<sup>3</sup> b. 6 September, 1779. m. 1799, Martha Craig.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) was a Revolutionary soldier under General Green and was killed at Guilford C. H., March 15, 1781. Resided near Danville, Va. His widow, with their one child, a son, removed to Pickens District, S. C., where she m. Howard. Her son,

JOHN<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (John,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. and resided in Yancey County, N. C.

CHILDREN OF JOHN<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (JOHN,<sup>3</sup> ARCHIBALD,<sup>2</sup> JAMES<sup>1</sup>)

John Wesley.<sup>5</sup>

James<sup>5</sup> who married and removed from North Carolina to Boone County, Ark.

And a number of daughters, names unknown.

JOHN WESLEY<sup>5</sup> (John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) of Yancey County, N. C., was a prominent citizen and known as Gen. Wesley McElroy. He died soon after the close of the Civil war.

CHILDREN OF GEN. JOHN WESLEY<sup>5</sup> MCELROY.

A daughter who m. R. B. Vance, member of Congress sixteen years.

Three other daughters—names not known.

John S.<sup>6</sup> b. 1835. m. ———

James.<sup>6</sup>

Nicholas.<sup>6</sup>

Robert.<sup>6</sup>

COL. JOHN S.<sup>6</sup> McELROY (John Wesley,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) of Ivy, Madison County, N. C., was a Confederate soldier, Colonel of the Sixteenth North Carolina Infantry. Is a lawyer. Has a son who is a lawyer at Marshall, N. C., and three daughters, all married except one.

Recurring to the children of Archibald<sup>2</sup> McElroy. His son, William,<sup>3</sup> is said to have settled in Tennessee.

John<sup>3</sup> settled in Southern Kentucky.

The daughter, Mrs. Bowen or Bowman, lived at Spartansburg, S. C., and had several children.

ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup> (Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) of Pendleton District, S. C., a prominent citizen. Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church was built on his land, and of it he was a member and elder and liberal supporter. A man of intelligence and high personal character. He was b. in a fort in Union District, S. C., September 6, 1779, and was a babe of thirteen months when his father died at Kings Mountain. The widow moved to Pendleton District, S. C., where the son grew up. He m. at the age of twenty, in 1799, Martha Craig, aged sixteen, daughter of Rev. William Craig, a Presbyterian minister. Died 1851.

#### CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD AND MARTHA.

1. Wm. Craig<sup>4</sup> b. 9 August, 1809. m. Harriet Simpson. d. 24 May, 1837.
2. James McDonald<sup>4</sup> m. Susan Craig.
3. Susan Elvira<sup>4</sup> m. Clayton Webb.
4. Eliza Jane<sup>4</sup> m. Stephen McCully.
5. Margaret<sup>4</sup> m. William Steele.
6. Archibald<sup>4</sup> m. Rebecca Bellotte.
7. Samuel Rayford<sup>4</sup> m. Montgomery M. Dickson.
8. Martha<sup>4</sup> m. Thomas M. Wilkes.

WILLIAM CRAIG<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. Union District, S. C., 9 August, 1804, graduated from the University of Georgia and from Princeton Theological Seminary.

m. Harriet Simpson, daughter of Judge Simpson, of Princeton, N. J., and became pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Danville, Va. Was a very popular and promising minister. Died May 24, 1837.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM C. AND HARRIET McELROY.

Ellen<sup>5</sup> b. 1835. m. Dr. William Ridout.

Mary Augusta d. in infancy.

JAMES McDONALD<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Susan Craig, of Laurens, S. C. He was a physician, an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Pickens, and member of the Legislature.

CHILDREN OF JAMES M. AND SUSAN McELROY.

1. Eliza Jane.<sup>5</sup>
2. Thomas Archibald.<sup>5</sup>
3. Martha Elizabeth.<sup>5</sup>
4. Mary Evaline.<sup>5</sup>
5. Samuel James.<sup>5</sup>
6. Margaret Emma.<sup>5</sup>

SUSAN ELVIRA<sup>4</sup> (McELROY) WEBB (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Clayton Webb. They moved to Georgia.

CHILDREN OF SUSAN E. (McELROY) AND CLAYTON WEBB.

1. William.<sup>5</sup>
2. Catharine.<sup>5</sup>
3. James<sup>5</sup> Webb, M. D.
4. Annie.<sup>5</sup>
5. Charles<sup>5</sup> Archibald, M. D.
6. Robert.<sup>5</sup>
7. Florence.<sup>5</sup>
8. Margaret.<sup>5</sup>
9. Lou.<sup>5</sup>
10. Samuel R.<sup>5</sup>

ELIZA JANE (McELROY) McCULLY, (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Stephen McCully, of Anderson, S. C. No issue.

MARGARET<sup>4</sup> (McELROY) STEELE (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. William Steele, of Anderson, S. C., merchant and planter, member of the Legislature. The wife is still living (1900) in her eighty-fourth year, the only survivor in her father's family.

CHILDREN OF MARGARET AND WILLIAM STEELE.

1. Robert Aaron.<sup>5</sup>
2. Sarah Jane.<sup>5</sup>
3. Martha Agnes.<sup>5</sup>

ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) was a graduate of the University of Georgia. Cotton planter. m. Rebecca Bellotte, of Huguenot extraction.

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD AND REBECCA McELROY.

1. William Thomas.<sup>5</sup>
2. Mattie Elizabeth.<sup>5</sup>
3. Robert.<sup>5</sup>
4. Sarah.<sup>5</sup>

SAMUEL RAYFORD<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Montgomery M. Dickson. Was a prominent Christian; a reputable citizen, and captain in the Confederate army. He died from exposure and disease early in the war. He had succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead of the McElroys for 100 years past, now occupied by James Dickson McElroy, of Denver, S. C.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL R. AND MONTGOMERY M. McELROY.

1. William Henry.<sup>5</sup>
2. James Dickson.<sup>5</sup>
3. Sarah Antoinette.<sup>5</sup>

4. Martha Ellen.<sup>5</sup>
5. Samuel Montgomery.<sup>5</sup>

MARTHA<sup>4</sup> (McELROY) WILKES (Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Thomas Wilkes, of Anderson, S. C. They had one child, Thomas<sup>5</sup> M. Wilkes.

ELLEN<sup>5</sup> (McELROY) RIDOUT (William C.,<sup>4</sup> Archibald,<sup>3</sup> Archibald,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. Danville, Va., 1835; m. Dr. William Ridout; residence Annapolis, Md. Their home and name go back to Colonial times. They own and occupy the Ridout homestead, built by John Ridout, who was Secretary to the Colonial Governor Sharpe. In that old home five generations have been born. Mrs. Ridout greatly prizes her Scotch-Irish McElroy ancestry and is in hearty accord with their Presbyterianism and patriotism.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND ELLEN (McELROY) RIDOUT.

1. Harriet Simpson,<sup>6</sup> wife of Charles D. W. Ligon, son of the late Governor Ligon, Ellicott City, Md.
2. John,<sup>6</sup> M. D., associated with his father in medical practice.
3. William<sup>6</sup> d. in infancy.
4. Prudence Gragh.<sup>6</sup>

HUGH<sup>2</sup> McELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) and two younger brothers, Samuel and James, removed from Campbell County, Va., with their families to what is now Marion County, Ky., 1787-89. They were pioneers, locating, after a long and dangerous journey, in the primeval forest near where is now the town of Lebanon. Kentucky was not yet a state, but was part of Virginia. Kentucky County was organized in 1776. Four years later it was divided into three counties, and within the next ten years it contained nine counties. After building their own rude cabins, the next object of concern was the erection of a house of worship, built of logs, where Rev. David Rice and other pioneers preached the gospel. The church then and there organized has had a con-

tinuous history to the present time, represented to-day in the two Presbyterian churches of Lebanon.

CHILDREN OF HUGH<sup>2</sup> McELROY AND ESTHER IRVINE.

1. James.<sup>3</sup>
2. Margaret.<sup>3</sup>
3. Sarah.<sup>3</sup>
4. Mary.<sup>3</sup>
5. John.<sup>3</sup>
6. Hugh.<sup>3</sup>
7. Samuel.<sup>3</sup>
8. Robert Abraham.<sup>3</sup>
9. William.<sup>3</sup>
10. Elizabeth.<sup>3</sup>

James m. 1st, Rosa Hardin; 2nd, Mrs. Dorsey. No issue.

Margaret m. Capt. John Muldrow and moved to Missouri.

Sarah m. Sandusky. Left a small family.

Mary m. 1st, John Simpson; 2nd, John McElroy (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).

John m. Miss Hundley.

Hugh m. Miss Dorsey.

Samuel m. Miss Wilson. Family moved to Missouri and Texas.

Robert A. m. Miss Hundley. Left a small family. Descendants are prominent citizens in Marion and Washington counties.

William m. Miss Crawford. Left a small family.

Elizabeth died single.

Capt. John Muldrow gave his name, more than a century ago, to the submountainous range in Kentucky over 100 miles long known as "Muldrow's Hill."

CHILDREN OF MARGARET<sup>3</sup> AND JOHN MULDROW.

1. Andrew<sup>4</sup> m. Charlotte Grundy and had eight children.
2. Hugh<sup>4</sup> m. Lettie Hughes, daughter of Edward Hughes. Their son Edward<sup>5</sup> m. Miss Schooling, whose daughter<sup>6</sup> is the wife of John Harrison.



3. Esther.<sup>4</sup>
4. James<sup>4</sup> m. Minerva Grundy, sister to Charlotte Grundy.  
They had nine children, names and history unknown.
5. Jane.<sup>4</sup>
6. William.<sup>4</sup>
7. John.<sup>4</sup>
8. Samuel<sup>4</sup> and
9. Mary<sup>4</sup> (twins).

CHILDREN OF MARY<sup>3</sup> (McELROY) AND JOHN SIMPSON.

1. James<sup>4</sup> m. Miss Cabell. Left five or six children.
2. Margaret<sup>4</sup> m. G. H. Garten. Left five or six children.
3. Jane<sup>4</sup> m. J. C.<sup>4</sup> McElroy (John,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).
4. Esther<sup>4</sup> m. James P.<sup>3</sup> McElroy (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).

JAMES<sup>2</sup> McELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) m. in Campbell County, Va., Margaret Irvine and moved to Kentucky in the fall of 1779. Was a farmer and extensive land owner. His home was about two miles west of Lebanon. He was the fifth and youngest son of James.<sup>1</sup>

CHILDREN OF JAMES<sup>2</sup> AND MARGARET McELROY.

1. John<sup>3</sup> d. in early manhood.
2. Sarah<sup>3</sup> d. young.
3. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> m. General Allen, a hero of the battle of New Orleans.
4. Margaret<sup>3</sup> m. Dr. Blythe. Moved to Indiana or Illinois.
5. Mary<sup>3</sup> m. 1st, Allen; 2nd, Speed. Descendants in Kentucky and Indiana.
6. Sarah<sup>3</sup> d. young.
7. Nancy<sup>3</sup> d. young.
8. Esther<sup>3</sup> m. Felix B. Grundy. Mrs. Cleaver, wife of Dr. W. W. Cleaver, of Lebanon, is one of her descendants.
9. James<sup>3</sup> A. m. Mary Irvine. A physician in Lebanon; then moved to Missouri, where he died, leaving a small family.

10. Hannah<sup>3</sup> d. young.
11. William I.<sup>3</sup> m. Jane<sup>4</sup> Muldrow. Removed to Missouri, A. D. 1821-23.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM I.<sup>3</sup> AND JANE (MULDROW) McELROY.

1. Margaret<sup>4</sup> m. Andrew McElroy, (Texas).
2. Mary J.<sup>4</sup> d. single.
3. Esther<sup>4</sup> m. Thomas W. Campbell, (Missouri).
4. Camilla<sup>4</sup> m. Willis McReynolds, (Missouri and Texas).
5. Sallie A.<sup>4</sup> m. W. R. Campbell, (Missouri and Texas).
6. John<sup>4</sup> d. young.
7. William Irvine<sup>4</sup> m. Anna Muldrow, (Missouri).
8. Alice Ann<sup>4</sup> m. Dr. B. M. Griffith, Springfield, Ill.
9. Charlotte<sup>4</sup> m. N. Wilson, (Colorado).
10. Samuel<sup>4</sup> d. young.
11. Thomas Speed<sup>4</sup> m. Miss Hitson, (Missouri).

SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> McELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) was the fourth son of James.<sup>1</sup> Married in Virginia, probably in 1766, Mary Irvine. Removed to Kentucky 1779. Died 1806.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> AND MARY IRVINE.

1. Sarah<sup>3</sup> b. 1767; m. Alexander Handley. Lived near New Market.
2. John<sup>3</sup> b. 1769; m. 1st, Miss Copeland; 2nd, Mrs. Mary<sup>3</sup> Simpson, widow of John Simpson, his cousin.
3. James<sup>3</sup> b. 1770; d. young.
4. Hugh<sup>3</sup> b. 1772; m. Barbara Gilkie. A prominent citizen in Union County, Ky. Farmer, member of the Legislature. Left one child, Hiram.<sup>4</sup>
5. Margaret<sup>3</sup> b. 1773; m. James Wilson, son of Capt. Jimmie Wilson, the Indian scout. Their descendants are numerous; found in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas. Had thirteen children. The connection in 1848 numbered 97 living and a number deceased.

6. Abram<sup>3</sup> d. young.
7. William<sup>3</sup> E. b. 1776; m. 1st, Keturah Cleland; 2d, Mary Kirk; d. 1875.
8. Samuel<sup>3</sup> b. 1777; m. 1st, Marion Briggs; 2d, Jane B. Grundy.
9. Mary<sup>3</sup> b. 1778; m. William McColgan. No issue.
10. James P.<sup>3</sup> (twin) b. 1780; m. Esther Simpson, his second cousin.
11. Abram<sup>3</sup> (twin) b. 1780; m. Miss Radford.
12. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> m. George Wilson.
13. Nancy<sup>3</sup> m. George Robbins.

CHILDREN OF SARAH<sup>3</sup> (McELROY) AND ALEXANDER HANDLEY.

1. James.<sup>4</sup>
2. Mary.<sup>4</sup>
3. Alexander.<sup>4</sup>

James and Alexander m. sisters, Sarah and Letitia Cleaver, daughters of an old pioneer and magistrate of Washington County. They removed with their families about 1830 to Hardin County, Ky., thence some of their descendants migrated to Southwestern Kentucky, and others to Missouri.

Mary m. Thomas Carter, and lived and died on the old farm of her father, near New Market, leaving several children, whose descendants are still in the same region.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1769; m. Miss Copeland, by whom he had two children, James C.<sup>4</sup> and Samuel.<sup>4</sup> The latter d. young.

James C.<sup>4</sup> m. Jane Simpson,<sup>4</sup> daughter of his stepmother, and had four children, who became heads of families.

1. Mary Ann<sup>5</sup> m. Basil Mason and left one child, Burgess B. Mason.<sup>6</sup>
2. Lucetta<sup>5</sup> m. George W. Grundy.
3. John<sup>5</sup> m. Lucy Ann Skiles, niece of Judge Joseph Underwood.

4. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> m. J. Cleland Raney. Their daughter Elizabeth is wife of a merchant in Dallas, Tex.

WILLIAM E.<sup>3</sup> (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) was b. in Virginia, 1776, and was thirteen years old when his father and uncles removed to Kentucky. He was a prominent citizen, a man of high character, the head of a numerous family, and lived to a great age. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church for 73 years, and passed away in 1875, in his 99th year. He m. 1st Keturah Cleland, sister of old Dr. Thomas Cleland, one of the best loved Presbyterian ministers in Central Kentucky, and daughter of Squire Philip Cleland, an old settler and cousin to Simon Kenton, one of the early Kentucky pioneers. His second wife was Mary Kirk, daughter of James Kirk, of an old and honored Irish family. The words of her husband, who had lived with her nearly half a century, may be recorded in her praise: While she was draped and coffined for the grave, the old man, too feeble to follow her, bending over the coffin, said: "There lies the best woman that ever lived."

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM E. AND KETURAH MCELROY.

1. Maria<sup>4</sup> b. 1805; m. Joseph P. Knott.
2. Eliza<sup>4</sup> b. 1807; m. 1st, Martin Everhart; 2d, Thos. P. Gibbs; 3d, Withrow.
3. P. Edwards<sup>4</sup> m. Lydia A. Gibbs.
4. H. Paulina<sup>4</sup> m. A. Scott Mayes.
5. Margaret<sup>4</sup> m. Samuel F. Ray.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM E.<sup>3</sup> MCELROY AND MARY KIRK.

6. Paul I.<sup>4</sup> m. Sue<sup>5</sup> McElroy (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).
7. Robert L.<sup>4</sup> m. Lizzie Hughes.
8. Cecil S.<sup>4</sup> m. Fannie Brown.
9. Lucy Ann<sup>4</sup> m. Samuel F. Ray, widower of Margaret.
10. William T.<sup>4</sup> m. Eliza Cassiday.

11. James F.<sup>4</sup> m. Mary Chapman.
12. Samuel R.<sup>4</sup> m. Belle Reed.
13. Keturah<sup>4</sup> m. Dr. Hubbard.
14. Sarah d. young.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. in Virginia, 1777; m. 1st, Marian Briggs; 2d, Jane B. Grundy. A natural orator, member of Legislature 1821 and 1822. Elder in Presbyterian Church over fifty years.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND MARIAN (BRIGGS) McELROY.

1. Hervey<sup>4</sup> b. 1807; m. Jane Grundy.
2. George Whitfield<sup>4</sup> b. Jan. 3, 1809; d. near Natchez, Miss., Jan. 5, 1842.
3. S. Davies<sup>4</sup> b. 1811; m. Mary Anna Tate.
4. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> b. 1814; m. Benedict Spalding. No issue.
5. Abram<sup>4</sup> b. 1816; m. 1st, Eliza Skiles; 2d, Mary Buckner.
6. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> b. 1816. Twin brother of Abram. A physician. Died single at Midway, Ky.
7. Keturah J.<sup>4</sup> b. 1819; m. Harvey<sup>4</sup> McElroy (———,<sup>3</sup> Hugh,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).
8. James H.<sup>4</sup> b. 1821; d. in infancy.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> AND JANE (GRUNDY) McELROY.

9. John D.<sup>4</sup> b. 1823; d. young.
10. W. Proctor<sup>4</sup> b. 1825; m. Sarah Tate.
11. Marion B.<sup>4</sup> b. 1827; m. W. T. Knott; d. 1865.
12. Hugh Sneed<sup>4</sup> b. 1829; m. Lydia Harrison.
13. Mary Jane<sup>4</sup> b. 1831; d. in young womanhood.
14. John C. Young<sup>4</sup> d. young.
15. Thomas Cleland<sup>4</sup> b. 1838; d. in infancy.

JAMES P.<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1780; m. Esther<sup>4</sup> Simpson (Mary,<sup>3</sup> Hugh,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). First occupied his farm one

mile northwest of Lebanon, then removed, between 1820 and 1830, to Missouri, settling near Palmyra.

CHILDREN OF JAMES P. AND ESTHER McELROY.

1. Brenetta<sup>4</sup> m. John Leland McElroy<sup>4</sup> (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).
2. Franklin Blair<sup>4</sup> m. Ann Porter. Resided in Hannibal, Mo.
3. Alvey Nelson<sup>4</sup> m. ———, Ralls County, Mo.
4. Milford<sup>4</sup> m. ———, Ralls County, Mo.
5. Belfield<sup>4</sup> m. 1st, Miss McReynolds; 2d, Miss Forsythe. Reside at Palmyra, Mo. No issue.
6. Sydney Gallagher<sup>5</sup> unmarried, Ralls County, Mo.
7. Apolita<sup>4</sup> m. ——— McClure, Marion County, Mo.
8. Bigler<sup>4</sup> d. young.
9. Virgil<sup>4</sup> d. young.

ABRAM<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). Twin brother of James P., b. 1780. He and his brother Hugh occupied the old farm and cared for their parents until their death. After the marriage of their two younger sisters the old homestead passed into the possession of Samuel<sup>3</sup> McElroy (Hugh,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) in whose possession it remained for many years. Abram moved to Southwestern Kentucky, where he m. Miss Radford, in Christian County; thence he moved to West Ely, Marion County, Mo.

CHILDREN OF ABRAM<sup>3</sup> McELROY.

1. John Leland<sup>4</sup> m. Brenetta<sup>4</sup> McElroy.
2. Apphia Ann<sup>4</sup> m. Jack Muldrow.
3. Emily Jane<sup>4</sup> d. single; æt. 32.
4. Mary Malvina<sup>4</sup> m. Israel Twombly.
5. Addison Samuel<sup>4</sup> d. in infancy.
6. Araminta McChord<sup>4</sup> d. in young womanhood.
7. Marian Katharine Johnson<sup>4</sup> d. unmarried.
8. Benjamin Newton<sup>4</sup> m. Eliza Foreman.

9. James Abram Blackburn<sup>4</sup> m. Cordelia F. Finley.
10. Elizabeth Eudora<sup>4</sup> m. Rev. B. E. S. Ely, D.D., a cousin to Gen. G. B. McClellan.
11. Cicely Ann<sup>4</sup> m. William Radford.

BURGESS BURR MASON<sup>6</sup> (Mary Ann,<sup>5</sup> James C.,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Hundlie Blackwell<sup>6</sup> (———,<sup>4</sup> Sarah,<sup>3</sup> Hugh,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). Their children

1. William Basil<sup>7</sup> m. Maud Maxwell, in Kansas, 1884. They have two children: Burgess B.<sup>8</sup> b. 1885; William B. b. 1886.
2. Alexander H.<sup>7</sup> m., 1884, Rowena Hall, of Louisville. Their children were Mary Hall<sup>8</sup> d. an infant, and Alex. H.<sup>8</sup> b. 1887.

CHILDREN OF LUCETTA<sup>5</sup> (McELROY) AND GEORGE W. GRUNDY.

1. John L.<sup>6</sup> m. Rosa Cleland, daughter of Rev. Thos. H. Cleland, D.D.
2. James A.<sup>6</sup> m. Mattie, daughter of Hon. James M. Fogle; resides Nashville, Tenn.
3. Susan<sup>6</sup> m. Joseph Howell, a banker, Nashville; have a daughter Ethel.

JOHN McELROY<sup>5</sup> (James C.,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Lucy Ann Skiles, of Warren County, niece of the eminent Judge Joseph Underwood and of Hon. Warner Underwood.

CHILDREN OF JOHN<sup>5</sup> AND LUCY McELROY.

1. A son<sup>6</sup> who d. in early youth.
2. Mattie<sup>6</sup> m. Robert Lyle. Reside in Marion County, and have several children.
3. Willie<sup>6</sup> m. January Grundy, farmer, near Lebanon; several children.
4. Lucy<sup>6</sup> m. Andrew Cochrane, lawyer; have several children. Reside in Mayville, Ky.

5. Ella.<sup>6</sup>
6. Cetta.<sup>6</sup>
7. Lillie m. Franklin Ray, farmer, Marion County.

HIRAM<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1800. Lawyer, member of the Legislature, either Senate or House, for twenty-seven years. Resided in Southwestern Kentucky, Union County. Married Mary Clements.

CHILDREN OF HIRAM<sup>4</sup> AND MARY (CLEMENTS) McELROY.

1. Hugh<sup>5</sup> b. 1825.
2. Mary E.<sup>5</sup> b. 1827.
3. Addie<sup>5</sup> b. 1830.
4. Sue<sup>5</sup> b. 1833.
5. Barbara<sup>5</sup> b. 1835.
6. Hiram<sup>5</sup> b. 1837.
7. Len<sup>5</sup> b. 1839.
8. Martha<sup>5</sup> b. 1841.
9. James<sup>5</sup> b. 1843.
10. Sarah<sup>5</sup> b. 1845.

MARIA<sup>4</sup> (McELROY) KNOTT (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Joseph P. Knott, of English descent, an educated man and teacher, 1819-'21. Member of Legislature 1833-'34, contractor in constructing macadamized road over Muldrow's Hill, 1835-'36.

CHILDREN OF MARIA (McELROY) AND JOSEPH P. KNOTT.

1. William T.<sup>5</sup> b. 1822.
2. Keturah F.<sup>5</sup> b. 1824.
3. Samuel C.<sup>5</sup> b. 1826.
4. M. Minnie<sup>5</sup> b. 1828.
5. J. Proctor<sup>5</sup> b. 1830.
6. Edwards W.<sup>5</sup> b. 1833.
7. Annie M.<sup>5</sup> b. 1836.
8. Joanna<sup>5</sup> b. 1838.



ELIZA MCELROY<sup>4</sup> (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. 1st, Martin Everhart, who died soon after marriage; 2d, Thomas P. Gibbs, a nephew of Governor Wickliffe and cousin to Hon. Ben Hardin; 3d, —Withrow.

CHILDREN OF ELIZA (MCELROY) AND THOMAS P. GIBBS.

1. William E.,<sup>5</sup> lawyer at Batesville, Ark.; major in Confederate army under General Price, losing life in the service.
2. Margaret M.<sup>5</sup> m. U. M. Rose, lawyer at Batesville and Little Rock, Ark.

PHILIP EDWARDS<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Lydia Ann Gibbs, sister of Thomas P. Gibbs.

CHILDREN OF PHILIP EDWARDS AND LYDIA ANN MCELROY.

1. Keturah<sup>5</sup> m. James Chapman, Bowling Green, Ky. No issue.
2. Sarah R.<sup>5</sup> m. J. Proctor Knott, her cousin. No children.
3. Annie Maria<sup>5</sup> d. young.

H. PAULINA<sup>4</sup> (MCELROY) MAYES (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. A. Scott Mayes, farmer, stock raiser and trader in the Southern markets. They have three children surviving; two or three d. young.

CHILDREN OF PAULINA (MCELROY) AND A. SCOTT MAYES.

1. Keturah<sup>5</sup> m. 1st, Robert Extine Grundy, Presbyterian minister, d. early; 2d, William Johnston, business man, assassinated in prime of life; 3d, —Hayes, of Louisville, leaving several children.
2. Eusebias,<sup>5</sup> farmer, Washington County, m. Mary Curry. Has several children.
3. William,<sup>5</sup> farmer, m. Miss Forsythe. They have two children.

MARGARET J.<sup>4</sup> (McELROY) RAY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Samuel F. Ray, farmer and prominent citizen.

CHILDREN OF MARGARET (McELROY) AND SAMUEL F. RAY.

1. Albert<sup>5</sup> Newton d. young.
2. William E.<sup>5</sup> m. 1st, Annie Logan; 2d, Fannie Froman.
3. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> m. Edward Miller, widowed husband of Lucy (Texas).
4. Priscilla<sup>5</sup> m. Richard Chandler, merchant in Texas.
5. Anna E.<sup>5</sup> m. R. B. Edmonds, business man in Lebanon.
6. Lucy<sup>5</sup> m. Edward Miller; d. early.

PAUL I.<sup>4</sup> McELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Sue McElroy (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). He is a farmer, an elder in the church, living on the old farm of his father near Lebanon. His wife d. 1884.

CHILDREN OF PAUL I. AND SUE McELROY.

1. Irvine.<sup>5</sup>
2. Nannie.<sup>5</sup>
3. Jennie.<sup>5</sup>
4. Proctor.<sup>5</sup>

ROBERT L.<sup>4</sup> McELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Elizabeth C. Hughes. Farmer, and elder in the church. Early in their married life they removed to Texas, where they continued to reside.

CHILDREN OF ROBERT L. AND ELIZABETH McELROY.

1. Thomas H.<sup>5</sup> b. 1854; d. in early youth.
2. Mary Letitia<sup>5</sup> b. 1856; m., 1878, P. C. Harty.
3. Lucy Belle<sup>5</sup> b. 1858; d. in young womanhood.
4. Margaret Hetty<sup>5</sup> b. 1860; m., 1881, A. H. P. McCurdy.
5. Edward H.<sup>5</sup> b. 1862.
6. William R.<sup>5</sup> b. 1864.

7. James C.<sup>5</sup> b. 1866; m., 1887, Ida Allen. They have one child, Robert<sup>6</sup> A. McElroy.
8. Herbert Lee<sup>5</sup> b. 1870.
9. Celia<sup>5</sup> b. 1870. Twin sister to Herbert.
10. Franklin<sup>5</sup> b. 1873.
11. Samuel Bracken<sup>5</sup> b. 1875.

CECIL S.<sup>4</sup> McELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Fannie Brown. A farmer. Resides in Davis County, Ky. Their only child, Susan Mary,<sup>5</sup> m. Dr. McCarty.

LUCY ANN<sup>4</sup> (McELROY) RAY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Samuel F. Ray, the widower of her older sister, Margaret.

CHILDREN OF LUCY ANN (McELROY) AND SAMUEL F. RAY.

1. McElroy Ray<sup>5</sup> went to Texas. Married Mary L. Miller, of Belton, Tex.
2. Maggie<sup>5</sup> b. 1855; m. Joseph W. Wakefield, of Nelson County, 1876.
3. Paul Franklin<sup>5</sup> b. 1860; m. Lillie McElroy.
4. Lee D.<sup>5</sup> b. 1861; m. Lillie Rountree, 1886. One son, Harrison R.<sup>6</sup>
5. Charles F.<sup>5</sup> Ray b. 1870.

WILLIAM T.<sup>4</sup> McELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). A graduate of Centre College, Danville, Ky., and of Union Theological Seminary, New York. Married Eliza, daughter of Samuel Cassiday, of Louisville. Held pastorates at Glasgow, Perrysville and Maysville, and later at Louisville. His oldest son, Samuel Addison,<sup>5</sup> is a Presbyterian minister. Born Louisville, 1860; graduated Princeton Theological Seminary, 1885. Pastor Eufaula, Ala., 1888-'91; Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1891.

JAMES FRANKLIN McELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). A physician at Bowling Green. Married Mary Chapman. They

have three children. One of these, William,<sup>5</sup> is a bank clerk in Bowling Green.

SAMUEL RICE<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Mary Belle Reed, of Washington County, January 22, 1856. Now residing (1900) in Chicago.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL R. AND MARY B. MCELROY.

1. William R.<sup>5</sup> b. December 17, 1856. Presbyterian minister, West Plains, Mo.
2. James Edward<sup>5</sup> b. 1858; m. Miss Beckam, of Arkansas. They have had two children. He d. in 1894, Kansas City.
3. Robert Lemuel<sup>5</sup> b. 1861. Merchant, Chicago, Ill.
4. Lilly<sup>5</sup> b. 1863; m., 1884, Harry Tappan, Kansas City.
5. Mary Rice<sup>5</sup> b. 1865; m., 1882, Daniel W. Brown, attorney, Kansas City.
6. Frank Braxton<sup>5</sup> b. 1867, Detroit.
7. Annie Belle<sup>5</sup> b. 1869.
8. Grace<sup>5</sup> d. in early childhood.

KETURAH<sup>4</sup> (MCELROY) HUBBARD (William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Dr. George Hubbard, of Taylor County, and removed to Munfordsville, Hart County. The names of their children not known.

HERVEY<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1807; m. Jane Grundy, sister of Rev. Robert C. Grundy, D. D., farmer and stock raiser near Lebanon.

CHILDREN OF HERVEY AND JANE G. MCELROY.

1. Elizabeth M.<sup>5</sup> m. William Simpson<sup>5</sup> (———,<sup>4</sup> Mary,<sup>3</sup> Hugh,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>).
2. Samuel G.<sup>5</sup> m. Ellen Skiles, of Bowling Green.
3. Davis<sup>5</sup> d. unmarried.

4. Extine<sup>5</sup> d. unmarried.
5. Hervey<sup>5</sup> migrated to California. Unmarried.
6. Thomas C.<sup>5</sup> m. Elizabeth Field. Two children d.; four now living.
7. Benjamin<sup>5</sup> m. Lizzie Gartin. They have one child.
8. Mollie<sup>5</sup> m. — Guthrie, a merchant in Paducah, Ky.

GEORGE WHITFIELD<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. January 3, 1809; graduated from Center College 1833; studied theology at Princeton, N. J.; ordained by Presbytery of West Lexington, September 28, 1838. He visited Liberia, West Africa, as agent of the American Colonization Society, and upon his return became pastor at Winchester, Ky. At a later time he had charge of the Salem church. On account of impaired health he was advised to go South. He received a call to become the successor of Dr. John Breckenridge, in the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans. On his way south the final summons came. He d. near Natchez, Miss., January 5, 1842. He was a young man of fine abilities and attainments. He d. single, yet betrothed. The end came just before the day set for his marriage.

S. DAVIES<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1811; m. Anna Tate. Became a farmer; then gave his attention to medicine and became a skilled physician. Died early, leaving three children.

CHILDREN OF S. DAVIES AND ANNA McELROY.

1. Marion Briggs.<sup>5</sup>
2. Sarah Finley<sup>5</sup> m. Robert McElroy, descendant of Hugh.<sup>2</sup>  
They reside in Washington County, and have no children.
3. Isaac Tate<sup>5</sup> d. in early manhood.

ABRAM<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1816; m., Ist, Eliza Skiles, sister to Lucy Ann, of the noted Underwood

family; 2d, Mary Buckner, of the family of Buckners famous in Kentucky as jurists and statesmen.

CHILDREN OF ABRAM<sup>4</sup> AND ELIZA McELROY.

1. George Whitfield<sup>5</sup> m. Lucy Cleaver, descendant of James<sup>2</sup> McElroy.
2. Clarence Underwood<sup>5</sup> m. Miss Trigg, of Glasgow. Lawyer of high standing. Member of the Legislature.

CHILDREN OF ABRAM AND MARY McELROY.

3. Litie<sup>5</sup> m. E. Montgomery, farmer.
4. Buckner.<sup>5</sup>
5. Minnie.<sup>5</sup>

KETURAH<sup>4</sup> J. McELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1819; m. Harvey<sup>4</sup> McElroy, grandson of Hugh,<sup>2</sup> d. early.

CHILDREN OF KETURAH AND HARVEY McELROY.

1. W. Wallace<sup>5</sup> m. Margaret Montgomery, of Washington County.
2. Marion<sup>5</sup> m. Thomas Young, lawyer, of Bath County.
3. Alice<sup>5</sup> m. J. B. Goodpasture, banker, Owensville. No issue.
4. Katie<sup>5</sup> d. in young womanhood.

W. PROCTOR McELROY<sup>4</sup> (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1825; m. Sarah Tate, of Green County. Elder in Presbyterian Church.

CHILDREN OF W. PROCTOR AND SARAH McELROY.

1. Samuel<sup>5</sup> m. Miss Glass, of Shelby County. Have several children. Reside in Kansas.
2. Mary, unmarried.
3. Anne.

4. Isaac T., a Presbyterian minister. Began his ministerial work in Missouri; then in Kentucky, was on duty at Stanford and Mt. Sterling, and later at Lexington. For a time he was agent for Central University, Richmond, Ky.

HUGH SNEED<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1829. Became a Presbyterian minister. In 1850 he took charge of the church at Midway, Ky. In 1855 he became pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit, where he continued until his death in December, 1857. Married Lydia S. Harrison, of Honesdale, Pa., of English descent and nearly related to the Abbots, widely known in the circles of literature.

CHILDREN OF REV. HUGH SNEED AND LYDIA McELROY.

1. Martha LaRose<sup>5</sup> m. James B. Shepard, real estate, Kansas City.
2. George Sneed,<sup>5</sup> Kansas City.

MARY<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1778; m. William McColgan. Resided in Taylor County. They had no children. They owned a large family of negroes, whom they freed and settled on farms in Ohio, at their death.

BRENETTA<sup>4</sup> McELROY (James P.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. her cousin, John Leland<sup>4</sup> McElroy (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). Farmer, located near Palmyra, Mo.

CHILDREN OF JOHN LELAND AND BRENETTA McELROY

1. Mary Eudora.<sup>5</sup>
2. Laura Brenetta.<sup>5</sup>

FRANKLIN BLAIR<sup>4</sup> McELROY (James P.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Ann Porter. Was a Presbyterian minister. Resided in Hannibal, Mo.

## CHILDREN OF REV. FRANKLIN B. AND ANN McELROY.

1. James<sup>5</sup> d. unmarried.
2. Annie<sup>5</sup> m. J. Fuller, a Presbyterian minister.
3. Charles<sup>5</sup> m. Miss Baird. Reside in Carthage, Mo. Have two children, Nellie<sup>6</sup> and Walter.<sup>6</sup>
4. Franklin<sup>5</sup> is a journalist in Southwestern Missouri.
5. William<sup>5</sup> is a widower, in business in Colorado.
6. Mamie<sup>5</sup> m. William Thomas, bank employe in Denver, Col.

APPHIA ANN<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Jack Muldrow, descendant of John and Margaret Muldrow.

## CHILDREN OF APPHIA ANN (McELROY) AND JACK MULDROW.

1. John A.<sup>5</sup> m. Mary Rhodes. Have three daughters, Annie,<sup>6</sup> Rose,<sup>6</sup> Gertrude.<sup>6</sup>
2. Rhoda<sup>5</sup> m. T. F. Priest. Died early; left a daughter, Willena.<sup>6</sup>

MARY MALVINA<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Israel Twombly. Their one daughter, Mary E.,<sup>5</sup> m. Calvin Foreman. Their grandchildren are Laura Dean<sup>6</sup> Foreman and Paul Findley<sup>6</sup> Foreman.

BENJAMIN NEWTON<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Eliza Foreman. Their children are Benjamin A.<sup>5</sup> and Susie M.<sup>5</sup>

JAMES ABRAM BLACKBURN<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Cordelia F. Finley.

## CHILDREN OF JAMES A. B. AND CORDELIA McELROY.

1. James A. B., jr.,<sup>5</sup> m. Minnie Moore.
2. Bettie F.<sup>5</sup> m. John West, and has one child, Eva<sup>6</sup> West.



3. M. Eva<sup>5</sup> m. George Turner. They have one child, Frances<sup>6</sup> Turner.
4. Warner F.<sup>5</sup> In St. Louis.
5. Cordelia F.<sup>5</sup>

ELIZABETH EUDORA<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Abram,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Ben Ezra Stiles Ely, a cousin of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan. His father, of same name, was for many years a pastor in Philadelphia, and founder in later years of Marion College in North Missouri. The son studied law and practiced his profession for some years in California, and was a member of the California Legislature. Forsaking the law he entered the Presbyterian ministry. He has held important pastorates, in Chicago, at Willow Creek, Ill., at Ottumwa, Iowa, and at Winterset, Iowa. He now resides in Des Moines.

CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH E. McELROY AND REV. B. E. S. ELY, D. D.

1. B. E. S. Ely,<sup>5</sup> jr., D. D., m. Sally Pryor. Pastor Presbyterian Church, Rockford, Ill.
2. George M.<sup>5</sup> d. young.
3. Laura<sup>5</sup> m. Rev. Dr. E. L. Curtis, Professor in Yale Theological School, New Haven, Conn. They have children Bessie,<sup>6</sup> Margaret,<sup>6</sup> Edward.<sup>6</sup>
4. Rose m. Rev. Samuel F. Moore. They are missionaries in Corea.
5. Charles Wadsworth<sup>5</sup> d. in young manhood.
6. Anita, deceased.

HUGH<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. 1st, M. E. Arnold; 2d, S. E. Lindo. Descendants are in Union County, Ky.

CHILDREN OF HUGH McELROY AND M. E. (ARNOLD) McELROY.

1. Emma<sup>6</sup> b. 1847; m. Samuel Abell.
2. Sue<sup>6</sup> b. 1847; twin sister with Emma.

3. John<sup>6</sup> b. 1849; m. Louisa Harris.
4. Sallie<sup>6</sup> b. 1851.
5. Ella<sup>6</sup> b. 1853; m. R. W. Abell.
6. William B. b. 1855.
7. Mollie b. 1857; m. Robert Thomas.

MARY E.<sup>5</sup> MCELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1827; m. Hiram Senour.

CHILDREN OF MARY E. (MCELROY) AND HIRAM SENOUR.

1. Bella<sup>6</sup> b. 1854; m. Watt Washington. Has two children.
2. Dish<sup>6</sup> b. 1856.
3. Fanny<sup>6</sup> b. 1858; m. J. Daniels. Has four children.
4. James<sup>6</sup> b. 1865.

ADDIE<sup>5</sup> MCELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1830; m. J. Bailey. Have four children.

1. Edward<sup>6</sup> b. 1860.
2. Mattie<sup>6</sup> (twin) b. 1869.
3. Mollie<sup>6</sup> (twin) b. 1869.
4. John<sup>6</sup> b. 1873.

BARBARA<sup>5</sup> MCELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1835; m. W. R. Greathouse, steamboat captain on lower Mississippi, residing in New Orleans.

CHILDREN OF BARBARA AND CAPT. W. R. GREATHOUSE.

1. W. R. Greathouse,<sup>6</sup> jr., b. 1859. Consul at Tampico, Mexico.
2. McElroy<sup>6</sup> b. 1861.
3. Grafton<sup>6</sup> b. 1863.
4. Waverly<sup>6</sup> b. 1865.
5. Violet<sup>6</sup> b. 1867; d. young.
6. Tillie<sup>6</sup> b. 1869.
7. James<sup>6</sup> b. 1870.





WILLIAM T. KNOTT,<sup>5</sup> PH. D.

Maria McElroy<sup>4</sup> Knott, William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>

HIRAM<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1837; m. Carrie Watts, of New Orleans. Owns and operates one of the finest farms in Union County.

CHILDREN OF HIRAM AND CARRIE (WATTS) McELROY.

1. Courtney W.<sup>6</sup> b. 1876.
2. Viola<sup>6</sup> b. 1878.
3. Hiram<sup>6</sup> b. 1880.
4. Caswell<sup>6</sup> b. 1882.
5. Nellie R.<sup>6</sup> b. 1885.
6. Carrie L.<sup>6</sup> b. 1888.

LEN McELROY<sup>5</sup> (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1839; m. Mary McCauley. A farmer in Union County. They have two children, Len<sup>6</sup> b. 1885, and one b. 1889.

MARTHA<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1841; m. Cyrus Higginson, a banker at Waco, Tex. Their children,

1. Green<sup>6</sup> b. 1867.
2. Birdie<sup>6</sup> b. 1869.
3. Ord<sup>6</sup> b. 1871.
4. Mattie<sup>6</sup> b. 1873.
5. Annie<sup>6</sup> b. 1878.
6. Vara<sup>6</sup> b. 1879.
7. Ruth<sup>6</sup> b. 1882.

JAMES<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Hiram,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) is unmarried. Resides in New Orleans. Engaged in business.

MARION BRIGGS<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1827; m. her cousin, William T. Knott, who was b. October 10, 1822. Resided at Lebanon. Died February 7, 1899. A man of scholarly tastes and attainments, a public spirited citizen, and prominent as a teacher and school superintendent. His standing

as a scientist secured for him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, conferred by Center College. He was a steadfast friend and worker in the Lebanon Presbyterian Church. He had high appreciation of the sturdy character and noble traits of those Scotch-Irish ancestors to whom he and we and our country are so much indebted. From early youth he seemed to have a taste for genealogical researches and inquiries. He was much in the company of his venerated grandfather, Elder William E. McElroy, and listened with delighted interest to the stories of the old gentleman as he related what he had seen and known, and what parents and grandparents had told him of the olden time. William Knott was thoughtful enough to make memoranda of those old stories, specially in the line of family history. As the years passed he was careful to keep posted in regard to individuals and families who from the McElroy headquarters at Lebanon went out westward and southward and northward to other localities and homes. To his thoughtfulness we are indebted for the names and dates and facts given in this account of the Kentucky McElroys. Dr. Knott published in 1895 a history of the Presbyterian Church in Marion County, Ky., a narrative full, and of great interest, and which no other person could have given, dating from the founding of the church in 1789. He had in contemplation the publication of a "History of the McElroys," for which he had accumulated material and on which his pen had been engaged, but which he did not live to complete. Mrs. Marion Knott d. 1865. Dr. Knott m. a second wife, Lydia, widow of Hugh Sneed McElroy, who survives him, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Shepard, in Mexico.

CHILDREN OF W. T. AND MARION (MCELROY) KNOTT.

- I. Joseph McElroy<sup>5</sup> (Marion,<sup>4</sup> W. T. K.<sup>5</sup>) is cashier of Marion National Bank, Lebanon, Ky. Married Mattie Rubel. Has three children. William Walter, b. February 22, 1878; Joseph Proctor, b. October 15, 1890, and Marion Katharine, b. September 24, 1893.

2. William S., a successful lawyer in Los Angeles, Cal. Married Lulu Pierce, sister of Judge James Pierce and of Hon. William Pierce, Consul to Hawaii under President Arthur. They have a son, James Proctor, b. in 1886.
3. Miss Kate Grundy lives with her brother in Lebanon. Three children of Dr. Knott died in infancy, and a grown daughter, Jennie Marion, in later years.

KETURAH F. KNOTT<sup>5</sup> (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 1824; m. Wells Rawling, of Missouri. Has five children, William,<sup>6</sup> Proctor,<sup>6</sup> Minnie,<sup>6</sup> Mattie,<sup>6</sup> and Annie.<sup>6</sup> Lives with a married daughter in Northeastern Missouri.

SAMUEL C. KNOTT<sup>5</sup> (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 1826; m. Sarah Gates, of Georgia. Lives in Scotland County, Mo. Has filled two or three offices of honor and trust. They had seven children:

1. Elizabeth.
2. Joseph.
3. Benjamin.
4. Edwards.
5. Minnie.
6. Annie.
7. Samuel.

M. MINNIE<sup>5</sup> KNOTT (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 1826; m. Robert T. Nesbit, of Missouri. They have two children.

1. James<sup>6</sup> m. his cousin, Annie Knott, daughter of Samuel. Is Clerk of the Court, Scotland County, Mo.
2. Robert,<sup>6</sup> unmarried. Is connected with the *Standard and Times*, of Lebanon, Ky.

J. PROCTOR KNOTT<sup>5</sup> (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. 1830; m. 1st, Mary Froman, who d. soon after marriage; 2d,  
 Sallie R. McElroy, daughter of P. Edwards and Lydia Ann  
 (Gibbs). They have no children. The name and record of  
 Proctor Knott have become public property, known and honored  
 not only in Kentucky but throughout the United States. Having  
 studied law in his native Kentucky, he went to North Missouri  
 and entered upon his professional career. He was a member of  
 the Missouri Constitutional Convention, and of the Legislature,  
 and when the war broke out he was Attorney-General of the State.  
 He then returned to Kentucky and practiced law at Lebanon.  
 During twelve years he represented his district in Congress, and  
 in 1883 became Governor of the State. His reputation as a law-  
 yer, statesman and orator is of the highest.

EDWARDS W. KNOTT<sup>5</sup> (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>)  
 m. Mattie McCoy and resides in St. Louis. Engaged in insurance  
 business. He was for a time Assistant Insurance Agent of the  
 State of Missouri. They had several children.

ANNIE MARIA KNOTT<sup>5</sup> (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>)  
 m. J. R. Hudnall, merchant, of Memphis, Mo., and d. early.  
 Their one child, Annie Maria Hudnall,<sup>6</sup> is a successful teacher,  
 on duty in the High School at Carson City, Nev.

JOANNA KNOTT<sup>5</sup> (Maria,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m.  
 Rev. M. C. Gorin, a Presbyterian minister in St. Louis. Their  
 children are:

1. Alice<sup>6</sup> who m. a Mr. Harrison, a lawyer, residing in  
 Duluth.
2. Maud.<sup>6</sup>
3. Fred.<sup>6</sup> In St. Louis.
4. Grant.<sup>6</sup> A merchant in Fulton, Mo.

MARGARET<sup>5</sup> GIBBS (Eliza,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m.





HON. J. PROCTOR KNOTT



Uriah M. Rose, a young lawyer of Lebanon, Ky. They settled at Batesville, Ark., and after a few years removed to Little Rock, where they still reside. Judge Uriah M. Rose occupies a high position as a scholar and jurist, and as a practitioner in State and United States Courts.

## CHILDREN OF MARGARET P. (GIBBS) AND JUDGE U. M. ROSE.

1. John M.<sup>5</sup> b. 1855; m., 1877, Lilian May Kelly, of Malvern, Ark. Only two of their five children survive, William G.<sup>6</sup> and Wallace D.<sup>6</sup> John M. Rose is a lawyer residing at Little Rock.
2. William G.<sup>5</sup> b. 1857. Lawyer, Butler, Mo. Unmarried.
3. George B.<sup>5</sup> b. 1860. Associated with his father in law practice. Married, 1882, Miss Marion Kimball. They have one son, Clarence E., b. 1883.
4. Fanny<sup>5</sup> b. 1863; m. in 1884 to W. W. Dickerson, merchant. Their three children are: 1, William Wallace,<sup>6</sup> b. 1885; 2, Rose<sup>6</sup> b. 1886, and 3, Benjamin F., b. 1888.
5. Lawrence Fairchild<sup>5</sup> b. 1866; d. in infancy.
6. Ellen<sup>5</sup> b. 1867.
7. Emma<sup>5</sup> b. 1870.
8. Charles C.<sup>5</sup> b. 1872.
9. Lewis Henry<sup>5</sup> b. 1874.
10. Jessie Alice<sup>5</sup> b. 1877.

WILLIAM R.<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Samuel R.,<sup>4</sup> William E.,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. at Maxwell, Ky., December 17, 1856. His parents having moved to Western Missouri, his early academic training was in the High School at Kansas City, and also at Carthage, Mo. Graduated from Drury College, Springfield, 1886. Studied theology two years in Union Theological Seminary, New York, and one year at McCormick Seminary, Chicago. Ordained by the Presbytery of Platte, at Grant City, 1889. Pastor at Chillicothe, Mo., 1889-1893. Pastor four years at Cassopolis, Mich., and now for almost three years has had charge of the church at West

Plains, near Kansas City. Married November 3, 1892, Miss Mary E. Black, of Chillicothe, Mo.

CHILDREN OF REV. WILLIAM R. AND MARY E. McELROY.

1. William Rice<sup>6</sup> b. Cassopolis, Mich., June 15, 1894.
2. James Millenton<sup>6</sup> b. Cassopolis, June 20, 1896.
3. Robert Odil<sup>6</sup> b. West Plains, Mo., April 13, 1898.
4. Mary Louise<sup>6</sup> b. West Plains, February 14, 1900.

SAMUEL G. McELROY<sup>5</sup> (Hervey,<sup>4</sup> Samuel,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Ellen Skiles, of Bowling Green, sister of Lucy Ann, who m. John McElroy.<sup>5</sup> Three daughters, Josie,<sup>6</sup> Mattie<sup>6</sup> and Lizzie,<sup>6</sup> became accomplished and prominent teachers. Henry<sup>6</sup> and Effie<sup>6</sup> are younger members of the family.

## BIG SPRING (PA.) McELROYS

ABOUT the year 1760 Hugh McElroy, at the age of twenty-two, left County Down, Ireland, and came to America, to Big Spring, Cumberland County, Pa., near Newville, not far from Carlisle. Two younger brothers followed him in later years. He was the writer's grandfather, and special effort has been made to trace our family history as far back and as fully, and from as wide sources as possible.

Tradition has it that "all the McElroys of County Down" are descended from three brothers who came from Scotland "time o' the persecutions;" also that their home in Scotland had been "in the region of Glasgow." Their names were doubtless correctly given as John, Hugh and James. The first of these, John, settled in the southern part of the county, the name appearing in family traditions reduced to writing about the year 1850 by the late Hon. John Scott, of Philadelphia, whose ancestors included McElroys, one of whom was among the heroic defenders of Londonderry in 1681.

James probably lived in the central or west part of the county. This, however, is a matter of conjecture or inference. The remaining name, Hugh, appears in an interesting family record which we secured from Joseph K.<sup>5</sup> McElroy, of Sigourney, Iowa, whose father, Hugh<sup>4</sup> McElroy, was a banker at Sidney, Ohio.

HUGH<sup>1</sup> McELROY, from Scotland, came to County Down, Ireland, at a date not precisely known, probably about 1685, and bought a tract of land at Kate's Bridge, in the Parish of Ballynahinch, about twenty miles south of Belfast. He had at least three sons—possibly several more—and as to daughters we are not informed.

The sons were John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh,<sup>2</sup> and probably Robert.<sup>2</sup> Some of Hugh's descendants still reside at Kate's Bridge and cultivate the paternal acres, and attend the old Ballyroney Presbyterian Church, where, in the churchyard near by, four or five generations lie buried.

JOHN McELROY,<sup>4</sup> of Leitrim, five or six miles north of Kate's Bridge, a very aged man, is a grandson of Robert. He had some seven sisters, one of whom, Mary<sup>4</sup> McElroy, married a Mr. Dickson. Rev. William Dickson,<sup>5</sup> D. D., of Canfield, Ohio, is her son.

Another descendant of Robert, John<sup>3</sup> by name, who had lived twelve miles from Belfast, in County Down, came to Baltimore in the year 1819. He had four sons. Of these, James<sup>4</sup> continued to reside at Baltimore. Thomas<sup>4</sup> came to Pittsburgh, and thence perhaps to St. Louis. Robert<sup>4</sup> was a Covenanter minister and died in Virginia before the war.

John,<sup>4</sup> the remaining son, lived in Washington County, Pa., and in Armstrong County, Pa. His son, David W.<sup>5</sup> McElroy, is a prominent citizen and business man in Keokuk, Iowa.

Hugh McElroy<sup>2</sup> (son of the Scotch Hugh) had a family, but we have the name of only one of his children, viz, Andrew,<sup>3</sup> who lived in County Down. Two of Andrew's sons were John,<sup>4</sup> who lived and died in County Down, and whose son Samuel,<sup>5</sup> now lives in Philadelphia, and a son Richard<sup>5</sup> and family now occupy the old home at Kate's Bridge; and Hugh,<sup>4</sup> who came to America about the year 1818 and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a man of great energy and high character. He engaged in the enterprise of shipping flour and other produce to New Orleans in flat boats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He made several trips, going with his boat or boats in person, selling out his produce in New Orleans, and then returning on foot to Pittsburgh. This was before steam navigation commenced on those rivers, and long before the time of railroads. His father, Andrew, came to America in his old days, and closed his long life at the home of his son.

In later years Hugh resided in Sidney, Ohio, and was there engaged in the banking business. Two sons survived their father, one, Joseph K.<sup>5</sup> residing in Sigourney, Iowa; the other, John Andrew,<sup>5</sup> in Kansas.

Joseph K. informs us that his father made fifty-two trips between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, crossing the Alleghany mountains and accomplishing the whole journey either on foot or in private conveyance.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> MCELROY, son of Hugh,<sup>1</sup> who came from Scotland, lived and died in County Down. Born as early, perhaps, as 1710, and living until near the close of the century. He was married twice and was the father of three sons and five daughters, viz, Hugh,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Prudence<sup>3</sup> (McKee), Betsy<sup>3</sup> (McKee), Mary<sup>3</sup> (Smith), Ann<sup>3</sup> (McKnight), Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Jane<sup>3</sup> (Grove).

The three sons all came to America; Hugh, as we have seen, about 1760, to Big Spring; John to Big Spring about 1780, and Joseph to Westmoreland County, Pa., in 1829.

JOHN MCELROY<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) of Big Spring, m. Sarah Erwin, of Erwinston, and lived at Castle Blaney in County Monaghan. They had eight children, six sons and two daughters. They came to America and to Big Spring probably about 1780. The daughters were Mary<sup>4</sup> and Martha.<sup>4</sup> William<sup>4</sup> lived and died at Chillicothe, Ohio, of which he was one of the early settlers and founders. John<sup>4</sup> was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was killed by the bursting of a cannon, which put out his eyes. This is said to have occurred at Quebec, the date unknown. From "Pennsylvania Archives," Vol. XII, we learn that John McElroy was Lieutenant in Capt. William Morris's company, belonging to the Militia Regiment commanded by Col. Rees Hill, in service May 5 to November 5, 1813. One of their marches was to Erie, Pa. Hugh<sup>4</sup> settled in Erie County, Pa. He married and had a family. His wife's name was Margaret, but we have no information as to his descendants.

ABRAM<sup>4</sup> MCELROY, fifth son of John,<sup>3</sup> of Big Spring, was a tanner and lived at Mansfield, Ohio. He was an exemplary member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He m. Jemima Wilkerson. Their son Frank<sup>5</sup> spent some time in California about 1850, and was living in Muscatine, Iowa, some years later. Their daughter, Jemima,<sup>5</sup> m. a Mr. Holmes.

JAMES ERWIN<sup>4</sup> MCELROY, b. August 2, 1781, was probably the oldest son of John,<sup>3</sup> of Big Spring. He was m. near Pittsburgh, by Rev. William Wilson, of the Associate Reformed Church, November 14, 1805, to Isabella Malvina Glenn, and lived at Middlefield, Geauga County, Ohio. He was a farmer, and in the war of 1812 was in army service as a teamster, and contracted disease in the service at Lundy's Lane, of which he d. in 1826. The widow was left with a family of nine children, the oldest only sixteen years of age, on a farm but partially improved and not fully paid for. With energy and wise management she brought up all her children, with fair education, to respectable manhood and womanhood, and lived to see her eighty-sixth year. She was b. August 26, 1782. Their children, nine in number, were:

1. John<sup>5</sup> McElroy b. August 20, 1806. Had eight children.
2. Mary<sup>5</sup> b. March 26, 1808; m. Silas Evans, and had ten children.
3. Sarah<sup>5</sup> b. March 20, 1810; m. William Glendenning. Large family.
4. Meander<sup>5</sup> b. January 9, 1812; m. Lorenzo Rider. Two of their daughters were well known in New York City some years since. One was the second wife of "Brick" Pomeroy; the other m. a Mr. Goodyear, connected with the India rubber trade.
5. Glenn Wallace<sup>5</sup> McElroy, whose residence in late years was at Vassar, Tuscola County, Mich., was b. April 16, 1814.
6. Martha Isabella<sup>5</sup> m. William S. Rider. They had six children. The eldest, Erwin Lorenzo,<sup>6</sup> a soldier in



Company E, Sixteenth Wisconsin, was killed April 6, 1862, in the battle of Shiloh. The father d. in 1884. Their living children are Mrs. Ellen M. Gray<sup>6</sup> and Clinton O. Rider,<sup>6</sup> Ira, Iowa; Cyrus W. Rider,<sup>6</sup> Harrisburg, Neb.; Mrs. Myra Brown,<sup>6</sup> Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Mary C. Parker,<sup>6</sup> Newton, Iowa. Mother Rider has been a widow for six years past. She is in her eighty-fifth year, and is now (in 1900) the only survivor in her father's family, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Gray, at Ira, Jasper County, Iowa.

7. Lydia<sup>5</sup> b. May 26, 1818; m. Charles Trunkee. They had six children.
8. James E. McElroy<sup>5</sup> b. April 22, 1820; m. December 24, 1840, near Economy, Beaver County, Pa., Margaret Jordan. He d. June 9, 1863. His wife d. July 27, 1873. Their home was in Muscatine County, Iowa. They had five children:

(1) Isabella M.<sup>6</sup> b. 1842; m. C. V. Van Epps. They reside at Sheldon, Iowa, and have two children, Mrs. Mary Gifford and Erwin.

(2) Celia E.<sup>6</sup> b. 1844; m. E. A. Albee. They live at Pleasant Prairie, Iowa, and have five children: Margaret M.,<sup>7</sup> Marcia,<sup>7</sup> Gustavus,<sup>7</sup> Erwin E.<sup>7</sup> and Irene C.<sup>7</sup>

(3) William J. McElroy<sup>6</sup> b. May 25, 1847; m. Mary J. Hall. They live at Pleasant Prairie, and have three children: Isaac Erwin,<sup>7</sup> Glenn Earl<sup>7</sup> and Pearl.<sup>7</sup>

(4) Irene Meander<sup>6</sup> b. November 8, 1850; m. D. S. Brown. They live in Dexter, Dallas County, Iowa. Their children are Clarence J.,<sup>7</sup> Gertrude P.<sup>7</sup> and Nellie.<sup>7</sup>

(5) James E. McElroy<sup>6</sup> b. September 20, 1853; m. Effie Johnson. They reside in Muscatine. They have three children: Orrie J.,<sup>7</sup> William Edward<sup>7</sup> and Ethel J. M.<sup>7</sup>

9. The ninth and youngest of the family of James Erwin McElroy,<sup>4</sup> of Geauga County, Ohio, was,

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY<sup>5</sup> MCELROY (James Erwin,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) b. in Geauga County, Ohio, July 24, 1823. Being left fatherless at three years<sup>a</sup> of age, he went, while yet a boy, to live with his brother Glenn, in Oswego, N. Y., with whom he learned the tailor trade. Afterward he engaged in mercantile business, stopping for a time in New York City, and later residing in Wisconsin, and at length locating in Muscatine County, Iowa, near his brother James.<sup>5</sup> His tastes and opportunities led him into the teacher's avocation, and in this calling he labored successfully to the close of life, which occurred February 28, 1868, at the early age of forty-five.

William McElroy<sup>5</sup> was a man "o' pairts." He had a prodigious memory, being able to recite in full both "Marmion" and "The Lady of the Lake." He had a wide acquaintance with literature, with fine appreciation of the beauties of poetry. He made some use of the pen, and his contributions to the local press were many and not without merit. He was a man of character, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

His wife, to whom he was m. March 22, 1848, was Helen Mar Parsons, daughter of Portius Parsons, of Oswego, N. Y., and the seventh in direct descent from "Cornet" Parsons, who sailed for Boston from Gravesend, England, July 4, 1635, and from whom the New Englanders of that name are largely descended. Mrs. McElroy was b. August 3, 1823, and now, at the age of 77, enjoys fair health, residing with her daughters, Hattie<sup>6</sup> and Alice,<sup>6</sup> in Kansas City, Mo.

#### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM MONTGOMERY<sup>5</sup> MCELROY.

Charles Murray<sup>6</sup> McElroy.

Addie.<sup>6</sup>

William<sup>6</sup> who d. in infancy.

Mrs. Nellie McElroy<sup>6</sup> Farmer, deceased, who left three children—Lawrence,<sup>7</sup> Helen<sup>7</sup> and Margaret.<sup>7</sup>

Miss Hattie Parsons McElroy.<sup>6</sup>

Miss Alice Matilda McElroy.<sup>6</sup>



WILLIAM MONTGOMERY<sup>5</sup> McÉLROY, 1823-1868

The Baby, b. 1852, named Charles Murray<sup>6</sup> McElroy



CHARLES MURRAY McELROY<sup>6</sup> (William Montgomery,<sup>5</sup> James Erwin,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) great-grandson of John McElroy,<sup>3</sup> of Big Spring, was b. in Oswego, N. Y., February 1, 1852, and came with the family to Iowa in 1858. Ten years later, at the age of sixteen, the death of his father devolved upon him the responsibility of caring for his widowed mother and her children. He entered the school of journalism, learning the printer's trade in Muscatine. He was employed on the *Register* in Des Moines, was later a reporter on the *Des Moines Leader*, and still later one of the proprietors of the *Indianola Tribune*. In 1879 he purchased the *Tribune* at Fairfield, Iowa, and remained its publisher for over twenty years. He served as postmaster during the first term of President Cleveland, and was for many years a member of the city school board, and also a trustee of the free public library.

He is a man of recognized ability, of high character, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the whole community. He was m. September 2, 1885, to Alice Rebecca Pollock, of Plattsmouth, Neb. Their children are:

Hugh Murray.  
Thomas Pollock.  
Helen Louise.  
Mary Kerr.  
Florence Palm.  
Virginia.  
Charles Parsons (deceased).  
Robert Hamilton.

The sixth and youngest son of John<sup>3</sup> McElroy, of Big Spring, was Joseph,<sup>4</sup> who lived and died in New York City. No one in our immediate connection, and very few bearing the McElroy name, have been so widely known as the New York pastor.

REV. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> McELROY, D. D. (John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) was b. in Cumberland County, Pa., near Big Spring, December 29, 1792. After the death of his father the widow

and children removed to Western Pennsylvania while Joseph was yet a boy, perhaps fourteen years of age. The first time he ever saw Pittsburgh was in 1807, when he entered it, a boy of fifteen, driving a five horse team which he had driven from Baltimore. He graduated from Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pa., in 1812, and studied theology in New York under Rev. John M. Mason, D. D. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Associate Reformed Presbytery of Pittsburgh in 1814. He was pastor for eight years of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. In 1822 he accepted a call to New York to become the successor of Dr. Mason, as pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. There he fulfilled a pastorate of more than fifty years, closing with his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-four, September 16, 1876.

He was tall, of commanding presence, and spoke with great clearness and power. He had a large library and was a thorough student, yet, during most of the years of his long ministry he made but little use of the pen, his discourses being delivered without notes. Until late in life there was but little change in his mode of conducting public worship; the usages that had prevailed in the Associate Reformed Church were for the most part retained. There was no instrumental music, the service of song being led by a precentor. On communion occasions the participants were served at tables in the aisles. He was a diligent and wise pastor, enjoying in a remarkable degree the confidence and esteem of his people. Robert Carter, the publisher, was one of his valued elders and a life-long friend.

Dr. McElroy was m. four times. His first wife was Miss Mary Allison, of Beaver, Pa. His second wife was Mrs. Marianne Fox Poyntelle, a sister of Hon. Robert J. Walker. His third wife was Miss Sarah McLanahan, and his fourth wife, a most excellent lady, was Mrs. Rebecca D. Jaffray, of New York, her maiden name having been Dexter.

Only two of Dr. McElroy's children survived their father. To a friend he said in 1869, at the age of 77, "I have followed nineteen funerals out of my house."



REV. JOSEPH MCELROY, D. D.

At 33, 1792 — 1876

MRS. MARY MCELROY-MOIR

At 16, 1825 — 1896

MRS. MARIANNE FOX MCELROY

At 30, 1796 — 1836

MR. JAMES MOIR

At 25, 1817 — 1899





A promising son, Mason Knox<sup>5</sup> McElroy, died in early manhood.

An older son, Robert Duncan<sup>5</sup> McElroy, b. in 1831, enlisted in the Fourth New York Heavy Artillery, and at Gettysburg lost a limb, which retired him from the service, and from the effects of which he never fully recovered. He d. at his residence in Morristown, N. J., of typhoid pneumonia, February 11, 1869. His wife, Caroline Charlotte Lee, daughter of Thomas Rankin Lee, of Croton Falls, d. November 6, 1869, leaving four children.

1. Mamie<sup>6</sup> wife of Frank Chase, Randolph, N. H.
2. Carrie<sup>6</sup> who m. Mr. Willis Benner, attorney, of New York City, d. in 1889, leaving two sons, Roger and Hildreth.
3. Miss Nannie McElroy,<sup>6</sup> who resides in New York City.
4. Mason K. McElroy,<sup>6</sup> a resident, since 1880, of St. Paul, Minn. He is m. and has one child, Caroline Charlotte,<sup>7</sup> named for her grandmother.

Dr. McElroy's daughter Josephine<sup>5</sup> m. Hugh Maxwell, of New York. She survived her father, but has since, with her two children, passed to the other shore.

His daughter Mary<sup>5</sup> became the wife of James Moir, a successful merchant in New York. In the late evening of life, after the death of his last wife, Dr. McElroy enjoyed the affectionate care and attention of this daughter and her excellent husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Moir, who were married in 1845, celebrated their golden wedding June 3, 1895. Both have since passed away, Mrs. Moir on March 14, 1896, and her husband December 7, 1899.

Four children of the Moir family survive their parents.

1. Josephine,<sup>6</sup> who married Henry T. Lee, a young lawyer in New York. Their residence is in Los Angeles, Cal., where they have a good home and a lovely family. Their three children are: Thomas Rathbone,<sup>7</sup> Mary<sup>7</sup> and Margaret.<sup>7</sup>
2. Joseph McElroy<sup>6</sup> Moir is a farmer, residing at Bloomington, Minn. He married Agnes Pond, daughter of

one of the early missionaries to the Indians in Minnesota, a niece of the late Judge McDill, of Iowa, and great-granddaughter of Rev. R. G. Wilson, D. D., of Ohio. They have eight children: Marian Walker,<sup>7</sup> Agnes Pond,<sup>7</sup> James,<sup>7</sup> Joseph McElroy,<sup>7</sup> William Wilmerding,<sup>7</sup> Dougal Stuart,<sup>7</sup> Arthur Duncan,<sup>7</sup> and John.<sup>7</sup>

3. Rev. William Wilmerding Moir,<sup>6</sup> Assistant Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, New York City.
4. Arthur Duncan Moir,<sup>6</sup> engaged in business in New York. His wife was Laura Merriam Russell.

Dr. McElroy had two sisters, Mary<sup>4</sup> and Martha.<sup>4</sup> Mary McElroy m. Adam Hawthorn and later m. John Oxer. She had two sons, Abram<sup>6</sup> and Joseph<sup>6</sup> Oxer, and, perhaps, other children. She died in 1838, at Farmington, Trumbull County, Ohio.

Martha was also m. twice. Her first husband was John Walker, and her second husband was James Walker. After her second marriage she removed to Ohio, where she d. not far from Zanesville.

MRS. MARIANNE FOX McELROY, second wife of Dr. Joseph McElroy, was a lady whose ancestry embraced distinguished people on both sides of the Atlantic. Her father, Jonathan Hoge Walker, was Judge of the Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, appointed by President Madison. Her mother was the daughter of Judge Duncan, also of Pennsylvania. Her brother, Robert J. Walker, was Secretary of the Treasury under President Polk. She was a lineal descendant, through Charles James Fox-Lord Holland, and the Dukes of Richmond, of the Royal House of the Stuarts, Charles II, Charles I, James I and Mary Queen of Scots.

Mrs. McElroy was a woman of personal worth and rare beauty, and of gifts and graces befitting her station and lineage.

JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> (John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) youngest son of John,<sup>2</sup> of County Down, came to America in 1829. He was the son of his father's

old age, and for that reason, according to a rule widely prevalent among the Scotch-Irish patriarchs, received the name Joseph. The date of his birth we are unable to state, although it must have been not far from 1776. His two older brothers had d. in America and their families were scattered before his arrival. His wife and two daughters d. of ship fever and were buried at Baltimore. He settled in Westmoreland County, Pa., near the Kiskiminetas, a branch of the Allegheny river, about twenty-five miles from Pittsburgh.

He and family were Covenanters, belonging in Ireland to Fairview congregation, and in their new home, members of Brookland Church. He m. a second wife, Miss Jane McKee, in 1838. The maiden name of his first wife was Jane Grey. After his second marriage he removed to Mercer County, Pa., was connected with the Springfield Covenanter (or Reformed Presbyterian) Church, and d. in the fall of 1851.

Joseph McElroy<sup>3</sup> was the father of ten children, including two daughters, who were buried in Baltimore.

Jane<sup>4</sup> (Garrett).

John.<sup>4</sup>

David.<sup>4</sup>

Isabella<sup>4</sup> (Nixon).

Hugh.<sup>4</sup>

All these lived in Westmoreland County and were members of Brookland congregation.

#### JOSEPH THE COVENANTER.

By his second marriage he had three children, viz:

Joseph,<sup>4</sup> who resides at Quinter, Kansas.

Jane,<sup>4</sup> who lives in Mercer County, Pa.

James Renwick,<sup>4</sup> named for the last of the Scotch martyrs, and who d. in 1883.

These Covenanter friends, by their sterling Christian character, and by the intelligence and firmness with which they maintained their own peculiar tenets and usages, secured and held the respect

and confidence of all who knew them. To show the kind of stuff they were made of, it may be mentioned that in 1833 Joseph McElroy, being then a Ruling Elder in the Brookland Church, was commissioned as a delegate to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod meeting in Philadelphia. The place was 300 miles away. The mountains lay between. The voice of the locomotive had not yet been heard through those mountains and valleys and hills. The season for plowing and planting and cultivating was at hand. The three boys could be trusted to do the farm work, but their limited force in the way of teams was absolutely essential. So the head of the family, staff in hand, set out to fulfill his mission. On foot he traveled 300 miles and attended synod, and then, in the same way, with a light heart and a good conscience, he walked back, 300 miles, to his Westmoreland home.

In 1862 the writer had an opportunity of visiting those people. They were plain, hospitable, well-to-do farmers, and the memory of that visit abides with me as something very pleasant to recall. Most of the elderly friends I met have since passed away, but their descendants, somewhat scattered, are still in that region, maintaining the principles and illustrating the virtues of their ancestors.

We now revert to

HUGH<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) to whom John and Joseph were younger brothers. My grandfather Hugh, was m., at Big Spring, about the year 1783, to Ann Scroggs, a native of Scotland. Her father was one of the pioneer settlers and one of the original members of the Seceder (or Associate Presbyterian) Church of Big Spring. Father Scroggs had a snug family of twenty-one sons and daughters, the result of two marriages. His descendants are very numerous, amounting probably to thousands. The late Rev. Elijah Scroggs, of Beaver County, Pa., was his youngest son. The late Rev. Joseph Scroggs, D. D., of Ligonier, Pa., was a grandson.

Hugh and Ann McElroy resided most of their days in Mifflin County, now Juniata County, Pa., at first in Lost Creek valley and

later, and until the close of life, near the village of Mexico on the Juniata.

The names of their first two children exemplify a rule widely prevalent among the patriarchs of their day. The first child in the family must be named for the mother's people, usually for her father or mother. The second child must be named for the father's people, usually for his mother or father; the third child for the mother's people, and so on alternately.

Hugh's first child, a son, was called Alexander, for his grandfather, Alexander Scroggs. The second, a daughter, was called Prudence. Hugh had a sister of that name, and it is likely that his mother was Prudence. They had a daughter Ann who d. unmarried about 1840, some 50 years of age. Two sons, Hugh and John, and two daughters d. young and unmarried.

Their youngest son was called for the Scotch Divine, Ebenezer Erskine.

UNCLE ALEXANDER<sup>4</sup> (Hugh,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) was born March 6, 1784. Like his father and brothers, he was a farmer. Like them he was thoroughly instructed in the Bible, the Catechisms, and the Confession of Faith. There were no Sabbath schools and no religious papers in those days, but the instructions of the pulpit and of the home were effective, and the printed sermons of the Erskines, with a few other religious books, had their influence. After his father's death he had occasion to give a good deal of attention to financial and business matters, and developed a talent for finance which staid with him all his life. He was never married. He lived plainly and frugally and left an estate of about \$30,000 as a fund for the publication and sale or distribution of Bibles, known as "The McElroy Fund" of the United Presbyterian Church. Every copy of the Scriptures so published must contain also the Psalms in metre as used in the United Presbyterian Church. To a Covenanter church in Washington County, Pa., he made a donation, a number of years before his death, of about \$2,000, the interest of the money to go to the support of

the pastor. He was well informed on matters Biblical and theological, and adhered very rigidly in belief and practice to the views and doctrines generally prevalent among Seceders and Covenanters. During his later years he resided in what was then called the west; at Cannonsburgh, in Washington County, Pa., in Harrison County, Ohio, and in Wheeling, Va. After 1860 he lived among the McElroy relatives in Westmoreland County. During the late evening and decline of life he enjoyed the kind care and hospitality of his cousin, Hugh<sup>4</sup> McElroy, under whose roof and in the midst of whose family he d. in 1876, in his ninety-third year. His remains are interred near the Brookland Covenanter Church.

AUNT PRUDY McELROY<sup>4</sup> m. Robert Robinson, and after the death of her parents occupied and owned the old McElroy home near Mexico. They had two children, daughters,—Prudence,<sup>5</sup> who m. William Hart, and Levinia,<sup>5</sup> who m. Henry Harrison Rodgers. They were all members of the "Fermanagh" Associate Reformed Church, of which Grandfather McElroy had been a charter member and chief supporter. In 1851 the writer spent a college vacation among those Juniata friends. My birthplace and the residence of our family was in Southwestern Ohio, and this was the first time that I ever met any of those Pennsylvania kinfolks. I found Mrs. Hart,<sup>5</sup> with her four children, occupying the old McElroy home, her husband having d. a year or two earlier, and her mother, Aunt Prudy, having also passed away still earlier. Their place of worship was in their new brick church in the village of Mexico. The old church building, three miles away, then lately vacated, was an object of peculiar interest. It was probably the second house built on the same site. It was of hewed logs, of shingle roof, and of fair size. The pews were of the very high kind. The high pulpit was surmounted by what was called a "sounding board." The seat for the Precentor or Clerk was just in front of the pulpit facing the audience. No hymns had ever been sung in that house, but solely and only the

Psalms in Rouse's version. Continuous singing had not been the practice, but the Precentor would "give out" two lines of the Psalm, then start the tune and lead the song; then give out two lines more and so on to the end of the Psalm.

No pipe organ, no "cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer" or other Babylonish instrument had ever lifted up voice there.

And here at the minister's left hand, the second pew is the one that belonged to grandfather. An aged lady remembered him very distinctly. She spoke of him as a very grave man. All those fathers were grave and thoughtful when in the house of God. He used to sit with closed eyes, lest something earthly and visible might distract his attention from the divine message. Outside, a few steps from the building, are the graves of Hugh and Ann McElroy.

Southward, two or three miles distant, you may see the windings of "The Blue Juniata," and hear the screaming locomotive on the Pennsylvania railroad, and beyond are the Tuscarora valley and Tuscarora mountain.

Mrs. Hart sold out some years later and removed to Wooster, Ohio, where she died a few years since. Her older daughter, Mrs. Levinia Cummin,<sup>6</sup> a widow, resides in Marion, Ohio, having one daughter, Miss Winifred.<sup>7</sup> The older son, Robert S. Hart,<sup>6</sup> is in business at Avoca, Iowa. The younger daughter, Miss Mary Hart,<sup>6</sup> resides in Wooster, Ohio, and the younger son, Dr. Hugh Hart,<sup>6</sup> is at Wooster. He practised medicine for some years in New York City. He was Surgeon-General of Ohio under the recent administration of Governor Campbell.

MR. AND MRS. HARRISON RODGERS d. in Pennsylvania many years ago. Three of their four sons were Union soldiers in our late civil war. One of these, Matthew,<sup>6</sup> having passed unscathed through forty-nine battles and skirmishes, d. soon after the war, from a very unusual cause—the bite of a vicious horse. One of the sons, William,<sup>6</sup> lives in Mifflin, near his birthplace, a highly respected and active member of the Presbyterian Church. The

only daughter, Ann Eliza,<sup>6</sup> has resided for many years in Lincoln, Neb., the wife of Charles Griffith, a prominent citizen.

Grandmother Ann Scroggs McElroy d. in 1811, at the age of sixty-eight years. Grandfather Hugh McElroy d. March 2, 1813, aged seventy-five years and two weeks.

EBENEZER ERSKINE MCELROY<sup>4</sup> (Hugh,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) the writer's father, youngest son of Hugh, was b. in Mifflin County, Pa., December 22, 1791. He was m. April 13, 1813, in his twenty-second year, Rev. Thomas Smith, officiating, to Sarah Ghormley, eldest daughter of Thomas Ghormley, who lived near Mexico, and was a member, perhaps an elder, in the Fermanagh Church.

The same spring my parents, in company with Grandfather Ghormley and family, came west. They traveled in wagons by way of The Burnt Cabins, Bedford and Washington, Pa., and by way of Wheeling and Zanesville to Chillicothe, Ohio.

Here they stopped for a year or two, father and Uncle David Ghormley being engaged as army teamsters hauling goods from Portsmouth to Columbus. Soon after the war closed father removed to Fayette County, twenty-five miles west, where he had bought a tract of 500 acres of land and where he entered upon the work of making a home "in the woods." The place was on the west side of Paint Creek, four miles north of Greenfield (in Highland County) and three miles west of Grandfather Ghormley's place. This proved to be his home for life and the birth-place of all his children.

My recollections go back to a period about twenty years after his settlement there. There were about fifty acres of cleared land under cultivation, with a good hewed log house and a large barn. The orchard was just beginning to bear, and it would have the reputation in coming years of being the best orchard in Southern Ohio. The farm was well stocked. A half hundred maple trees furnished sugar and syrup for the year round. Flax and wool were produced sufficient for wheel and reel and loom and clothing. The spring furnished abundance of clear cool water. The



lambs skipped merrily over the knolls and through the pasture. The mulberry tree at the end of the lane was an object of great interest to the squirrels and the boys. The pewit's nest under the eave right up over our front window interested me greatly, but I never could get to see into it. On the corner of our farm, a half mile distant, was the schoolhouse, where a three months' school was "kept" each winter. Our place was surrounded in every direction by the unbroken forest, but through the trees in the early morning, from the south, we often heard the crowing chanticleer sounding the signal, from Mr. Smith's barn, of the new day. Squirrels in the timber were very plentiful. The wild deer were often seen passing by, and wild turkeys would sometimes invade the cornfield, fifty in a flock.

Last, but not least important, the stone church at the village of Greenfield had much to do with family arrangements and joys and hopes.

My parents were among its charter members in 1820, organizing the Presbyterian Church of Greenfield. The pastor, Rev. Samuel Crothers, would spend his entire ministerial life there, and be succeeded in later years by his son, bearing the same name. Now as these lines are penned, in the year A. D. 1900, those two pastorates, the latter still continuing, have occupied a space of seventy-three years, or including ten years during which the elder Dr. Crothers had been pastor of the Associate Reformed Church at Greenfield, eighty-three years.

In the McElroy family, church attendance was a matter of course and also of privilege. We went on horseback. Each family occupied their own pew. Two sermons, each an hour in length, with a half hour interval between, together with eight miles of slow travel, occupied most of the day.

The children were baptized by the old pastor, most of them were married by him, and all became communicants in the church.

My parents were faithful and exemplary Christians, maintaining family worship morning and evening, with Scripture reading, singing and prayer.

Ebenezer McElroy was an intelligent and successful farmer, and his grain and apples, and dressed porkers brought the highest market price.

He was a man above medium height, well proportioned, rather swarthy in complexion, with very dark hair, inclining to curl. He had something of the grave aspect and reticence characteristic of the Scotch, while my mother was of fair complexion, with light brown hair, with a vivacity and an appreciation of the ludicrous characteristic of those who dwell south of the Irish sea.

The death of Ebenezer McElroy occurred on Monday, March 31, 1845. He was in usual health, and had attended church with his family the day previous. He was summoned with others to a neighboring farm, where a fire, in dead timber and fences and forest, was raging. There while engaged in fighting the fire, he was caught by a falling tree, resulting in instant death—in his fifty-fourth year.

EBENEZER AND SARAH McELROY were the parents of ten children, four of whom d. in infancy. Three daughters and three sons grew to maturity and became heads of families.

1. Judith Ann,<sup>5</sup> b. in 1815; m., in 1834, James B. Curran, of Juniata County, Pa. They resided near Greenfield for twenty years, then removed to Illinois, and later to near Carrollton, Mo., where Mr. Curran d. in 1881, at the age of seventy. The widow afterward lived with a daughter at Hubbell, Neb., where she died in 1892, in her seventy-eighth year. They had eight children:

Mrs. Nancy G. Batchelder,<sup>6</sup> Osborne, Kan. Three children and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Sarah Snyder,<sup>6</sup> Carrollton, Mo.

Mrs. Maggie Vandevender,<sup>6</sup> who d. in Illinois in 1878, leaving four children.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson,<sup>6</sup> Hubbell, Neb. Four children.

Hugh Ebenezer Curran,<sup>6</sup> who d. in Illinois in 1872, leaving two children.

Mrs. Levinia Chunn,<sup>6</sup> Adams County, Ohio. Three children.

Mrs. Laura Ewing,<sup>6</sup> Hubbell, Neb. Two children.

John McElroy Curran,<sup>6</sup> Shenandoah, Iowa. Six children.

2. Jane<sup>5</sup> b. in 1817; m. William Templeton. Lived at Greenfield ten years, then removed to Story County, Iowa, where she d. in 1896, in her eightieth year. Her husband d. in 1885. Four sons and their families and an unmarried daughter reside at Ames, Iowa. Two married daughters are deceased. The oldest son, Dr. H. M. Templeton,<sup>6</sup> is a prominent physician.

3. Hugh McElroy<sup>5</sup> b. in 1820; m., in 1845, Martha Kerr. Lived near Greenfield fourteen years, and has resided in Jasper County, Iowa, since 1869. His esteemed wife, the mother of all his children, d. September 4, 1880. In November, 1881, he m. Mrs. Rosanna B. Wright, who d. in 1894. Eight children lived to maturity:

(1) Mrs. Sarah Agnes<sup>6</sup> McLean d. in 1877, leaving three children: Anna Zelma,<sup>7</sup> Carl Hugh<sup>7</sup> and Mattie.<sup>7</sup>

(2) James Kerr<sup>6</sup> McElroy m. Mary E. Wambaugh and resides near Dexter, Guthrie County, Iowa. Their children are: Hugh J.,<sup>7</sup> Grace Eva,<sup>7</sup> Martha Amy<sup>7</sup> and Charles.<sup>7</sup>

(3) Elizabeth Ann<sup>6</sup> m. J. P. Winstead, a lawyer and judge of the Court of Common Pleas. They reside in Circleville, Ohio, and have four children, Samuel Hugh,<sup>7</sup> William M.,<sup>7</sup> Charles Edward<sup>7</sup> and Margaret.<sup>7</sup>

(4) Hannah Margaret<sup>6</sup> m. Joseph Vanatta, attorney, now deceased. She resides in Newton. Her daughter, Mattie M.,<sup>7</sup> is in college at Ames.

(5) William O. McElroy<sup>6</sup> is a lawyer at Newton, Iowa. Is a graduate of the Iowa College at Ames, and a trustee of the same institution. Has a fine home and a good law practice. His wife was Miss Julia Cavanaugh. Their children are: Margaret,<sup>7</sup> Harold,<sup>7</sup> Richard Cavanaugh<sup>7</sup> and Carroll Fellows.<sup>7</sup>

(6) Charles Sumner McElroy<sup>6</sup> is a farmer near Newton. He

m. Lucy Miller. Their children are Floy Pauline,<sup>7</sup> Edward Charles<sup>7</sup> and Dale.<sup>7</sup>

(7) Hugh E. McElroy<sup>6</sup> is a prosperous young lawyer at Boise City, Idaho. He m. Miss Mary Rand, of Burlington, Ia. They have one child, Catherine Martha.<sup>7</sup>

(8) Miss Mattie Esther<sup>6</sup> d. in 1882.

Brother Hugh, in his eightieth year, lives with his daughter, Mrs. Vanatta, at Newton, Iowa.

4. Margaret<sup>5</sup> b. in 1823; m. Robert Kerr. They resided near Greenfield, Ohio. Her husband is an elder in the Pisgah Presbyterian Church. They had five children:

Lizzie<sup>6</sup> m. Marcus Parrett. Died in 1894, leaving five children.

James Kerr<sup>6</sup> m. a Miss Fannie Young. Lives near Newton, Iowa. One son.

Emma<sup>6</sup> d. unmarried.

Mattie<sup>6</sup> m. Lewis W. Parrett. They reside near Washington Court House, Ohio, and have four children.

Thomas Chalmers<sup>6</sup> Kerr m. Miss Emma Ware. Occupies the old home and is an elder in the Pisgah Church. Four children. His father lives with him, in his eighty-first year.

5. Thomas Ghormley McElroy<sup>5</sup> b. May 29, 1827; m., in 1848, Miss Esther Kerr. Resided near Greenfield. A farmer and stock raiser and soldier. They had six children, five sons and one daughter, all of them now heads of families. Thomas was a man of fine physique, erect, six feet in height and well proportioned. He was courageous, prompt and ready for any service to which duty called him. He was active in church work, in prayer meeting and in the Sunday school. His earthly life closed suddenly and in a distressing and tragic way while in his early prime, at the age of thirty-seven.

#### DEATH OF THOMAS G. McELROY.

It occurred February 4, 1865, at Lees Creek Bridge, on the





THOMAS G. McÉLROY,<sup>5</sup> 1827-1865  
Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>

Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad. He had lately returned from army service. He had occasion to go on a business errand to Cincinnati, carrying with him a sum of money belonging largely to neighbors to make an important payment. At the Greenfield depot a banker handed him a package of \$4,000 in greenbacks to carry to a bank in Cincinnati. While awaiting the train he was introduced to a stranger, Lieutenant Calohan, of Logansport, Indiana. They entered the car together and sat in adjoining seats. They talked of army experiences and perils. Thomas spoke of the importance of a soldier being a true Christian, with his feet on the sure foundation and ready for whatever might befall. They were soon at Lees Creek, a small stream flowing through a deep gorge. It was a time of high water and running ice, and the one pier under the middle of the bridge had been undermined and had fallen during the night. The train men knew nothing of this till they were on the falling bridge. Twenty-five persons with the train fell some fifty or sixty feet to the bottom. The wreck took fire and burned every thing above the water. It was in the early morning and in a country place where but little help could be had. A few were able to crawl out of the wreck. A few were rescued. Eight or nine persons, including Thomas, were consumed by the fire. Some of the bodies burned beyond recognition. Some of them, including Thomas, had probably been killed by the fall. The greenbacks on his person, amounting to \$8,000, were consumed.

After the death of Thomas, the widow and children took hold, bravely and prudently, to carry on the farm and meet the requirements of the situation.

FAMILY OF THOMAS<sup>5</sup> (Ebenezer Erskine,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>).

1. Ebenezer Erskine,<sup>6</sup> the oldest of the six children, was not quite sixteen years old at the time of his father's death. With the hearty coöperation of the rest of the family he conducted the farm operations,

and did it wisely and successfully. He at length entered Salem Academy, and from there went to Cornell University, graduating from the scientific department in 1872. He then entered the law department of the Iowa State University and graduated in 1873. He immediately entered upon law practice in Ottumwa, where he continues to the present, and where he has built up a large business. He is not a politician and has never sought public office. He has served, however, as alderman, and has been for a number of years President of the School Board. He is a member and ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He m. 1st, Miss Belle Hamilton, of South Salem, Ohio, and after her demise Miss Elizabeth Milner, of Greenfield, Ohio. His widowed mother, now in her seventy-first year, has her home with him. Four sons and three daughters fill the family circle.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER E. AND BELLE (HAMILTON) McELROY.

(1) Thomas Clifford,<sup>7</sup> graduated from Cornell University in 1899, and has entered upon practice as architect in Buffalo, N. Y. He m. Miss Jean Smith, of Lounsberry, N. Y.

(2) Carl Erskine.<sup>7</sup> Member of the wholesale grocery firm of Hutchinson & Co., of Ottumwa.

(3) Walter Hamilton<sup>7</sup> is a lawyer, associated with his father in legal practice.

(4) Ralph<sup>7</sup> is a clerk with Hutchinson & Co.

(5) Evalyn<sup>7</sup> is a student in the High School.

CHILDREN OF EBENEZER E. AND ELIZABETH (MILNER) McELROY.

(6) Edna.<sup>7</sup>

(7) Edith.<sup>7</sup>

2. Robert<sup>6</sup> N. McElroy, second son of Thomas, was b. on the old McElroy homestead in Fayette County, Ohio,



October 2, 1850. He was m. December 23, 1874, in the same house in which he was born, by Rev. Mr. Mitchell, to Miss Almena Clemantine Mead, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 17, 1854. They resided some fourteen years in Greenville, where Robert was engaged in grocery business. Since 1888 their home and business have been in Otumwa. They have two children:

Thomas George,<sup>7</sup> who holds a responsible position with John Mowell & Co., and Miss Bertha,<sup>7</sup> a pupil in Ward Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.

3. James Finney,<sup>6</sup> third son of Thomas,<sup>5</sup> was b. November 25, 1852. He attended the district school in winter and worked on the farm in summer until about seventeen. He pursued academic studies at South Salem and also at Bloomingburg, Ohio, and then entered Dartmouth College, graduating in 1876. He was principal of the Indiana Institution for the Blind, at Indianapolis, four years, and superintendent for seven years of the Institution for the Blind, at Lansing, Mich. This was a new institution, and its organization and the planning of buildings, etc., devolved upon him. At Dartmouth, along with the classical course, he had pursued special studies in mathematics and chemistry. These were continued at Indianapolis and Lansing with original investigations and experiments. During these years he brought out a number of inventions, leaving them unpatented. When he found later that his own valuable devices had been appropriated and patented by others, he adopted the plan of securing all his inventions by letters-patent. In 1887 he organized a company for manufacturing some of his own inventions, "The McElroy Car Heating Company." Two years later this was combined with the "Sewell Car Heating Company," forming

"The Consolidated Car Heating Company," of Albany, N. Y. They manufacture and sell to railroads heating apparatus of all kinds, in which steam, hot water, fire and electricity are used. These are based upon patents, mostly taken out by Mr. McElroy. Their growing business extends throughout the United States and Canada, with large shipments to Europe. The patents issued to James F. McElroy to the present time (A. D. 1900) in the United States, Canada and Europe, number 260, with sixty-three further applications pending, and with a number of nascent inventions in various stages of preparation for the patent office. He is acting president and consulting engineer of the company. Mr. McElroy was m. July 9, 1879, to Miss Susie Hale, of Newbury, Vt. Her father was John Hale, a descendant, seven generations removed, of Thomas Hale, who emigrated from England in 1635 to Newbury Mass. They have three children: John Hale, b. May 1, 1880, now a sophomore at Dartmouth; and two daughters, Edith and Alice, students in the Albany High School. The family residence is 131 Lake Avenue, Albany, N. Y. Mr. McElroy has prepared papers on various scientific subjects which have been read before scientific bodies, and has delivered addresses on such topics in New York, Boston, Chicago and Montreal. Most of these have been published, either in pamphlet form or in the proceedings of societies.

4. Mary, only daughter of Thomas, b. October 10, 1854; m., December 18, 1881, Oscar Duncan, son of an elder in the Greenfield Church. He is a farmer, residing near Greenfield. They have two children, Esther Elizabeth Duncan and John McElroy Duncan.
5. John Mercer McElroy, fourth son of Thomas, is a farmer, residing near Ottumwa. He was m. to Miss



JAMES F. McELROY<sup>6</sup>

Thomas.<sup>5</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> Hugh,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>



Ella Milner, near Greenfield, February, 1882. They have seven children, viz: Mayna Kate, Robert Owen, Nellie Fern, Esther Priscilla, Fred, Mary and Ruth.

6. Hugh Nevin McElroy, youngest son of Thomas, is also a farmer, residing a few miles north of Ottumwa. He m., in 1882, Miss Emma Duncan, sister of Oscar. Their two children are Ethel May, aged fourteen years, and Arthur, aged nine years.

The youngest son of Ebenezer,<sup>4</sup> of Greenfield, O., the writer of these lines, John McConnell<sup>5</sup> McElroy, was b. January 21, 1830, and named for a Mr. John McConnell, a prominent elder in the church.

Until his sixteenth year he remained at home, working on the farm in the summer and attending a three months' district school in the winter. In 1845 he entered Salem Academy, continuing almost four years. In the fall of 1849 he entered the junior class in Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pa., graduating in 1851. The next two years he spent as assistant teacher in the Eldersridge Academy, having his home with the principal, Rev. Dr. Donaldson, and also pursuing theological studies under his direction. He then spent two years in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., and was licensed by the Presbytery of Chillicothe, in session at Bloomingburg, Ohio, June 6, 1855. Soon after, he set out for Iowa, in response to an urgent invitation, to visit a newly organized church at the little town of Ottumwa, on the Des Moines river. He traveled by rail to Burlington, on the Mississippi, and thence by stage coach, seventy-five miles, to Ottumwa. In the town of seven or eight hundred inhabitants there were only four members of the Presbyterian Church, with perhaps twenty scattered through the county. They had no house of worship and had never had any regular preaching.

After thorough exploration, and with a formal "call" from the infant congregation, he concluded to pitch his tent here on the frontier. Returning east he attended the fall meeting of Chillicothe Presbytery and was granted a letter of dismissal, as a

licentiate to the Presbytery of Des Moines. He was m., near Murrysville, Westmoreland County, Pa., September 11, 1855, to Miss Agnes Greer, by her pastor, Rev. William Conner, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was ordained in Ottumwa, December 6, 1855, by Des Moines Presbytery, whose territory then extended westward indefinitely to and beyond the Rocky Mountains. Here and in the immediate vicinity has been his home and field of labor for fully forty-five years. His pastorate of the First Church of Ottumwa covered a period of fifteen years. Then the Batavia Church, fourteen miles distant, was his field for about fourteen years. Returning to Ottumwa in the fall of 1883, he supplied the church of Kirkville for a time, and then, in 1885, took charge of the East End Chapel Mission, in Ottumwa. Here six years of diligent labor resulted in the organization of the East End or Second Presbyterian Church with 116 communicants.

Since 1891 he is on the retired list, having been disabled by three annual sieges of la grippe, which left him unequal to the requirements of active work.

It is proper to add that along with his ministerial work in Ottumwa he was for two years County Superintendent of Schools, and for five years proprietor and principal of the Ottumwa Seminary.

He has been an occasional contributor to the secular and religious press. As historian he published a history of his college class in 1881. He wrote, later, a small volume entitled, "Abby Bryam and her Father, Indian Captives," which was published in 1898. The degree of D. D. was conferred on him in 1881 by his Alma Mater, Washington and Jefferson College.

The town of Ottumwa now contains a population of about 20,000, and our three Presbyterian churches have a membership of over 700 communicants.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN M. AND AGNES G. McELROY.

1. William Geer b. June 29, 1856; d. of diphtheria, January 13, 1862.



JOHN M. McELROY, D. D.





2. Addison Hodge b. May 14, 1859; m., June 15, 1880, Emma Durr. They reside in Ottumwa. Their two children, William T., aged nineteen, and Maude Agnes, aged seventeen, attend the Ottumwa High School.
3. Sarah Abigail (Abby), Secretary Y. W. C. A., Nashville, Tenn.
4. Mary, General Secretary Harlem Y. W. C. A., New York City.
5. Jennie Agnes b. 1872; m., September 1, 1897, Everett R. Beard, M. D. They reside at Liberty, Ind., and have a son, Raymond McElroy.

Mrs. Sarah McElroy, the writer's mother, was a widow twenty-six years, residing with her son Thomas, and after his death, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr. Her death occurred April 20, 1871, in her eighty-fourth year.

JAMES MOIR, merchant, of New York, was a native of Scotland, b. in Edinburgh, March 15, 1817, son of Dr. James Moir. His brother, Dr. John Moir, was President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Two other brothers held responsible positions in government service in India and in the West Indies. James Moir came to New York in 1836 and was engaged actively and successfully for more than forty years in mercantile business, retiring in 1879—a man of strict integrity and unblemished character. He was a director for many years of the Bank of New York, President of the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, a member of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, of the Geographical Society, of the Museum of Natural History, and of many other religious, charitable and beneficial organizations. He m. Mary McElroy, June 3, 1845. The home then founded was a favored and happy one, the seat of intelligence and culture and Christian refinement, continuing more than fifty years. His death occurred, as noted elsewhere, in 1899.

REV. WILLIAM WILMERDING MOIR, of New York, son of James and Mary (McElroy) Moir, and grandson of Rev. Joseph

McElroy, D. D., was born in Manchester, Eng., March 30, 1857, his parents returning, two years later, to their former home in New York. Their son graduated from Hellmuth College, London, Canada, in 1874. For eleven years he was in business with Bacon Baldwin & Co., New York, most of that time managing their western business, with headquarters in Chicago. He graduated from the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in May, 1891, and was ordained deacon in the Chapel of the Seminary on May 24th of that year by the Right Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of New York. He was advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Potter June 12, 1892, and since that date has been the assistant pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion. He has charge also of the new and unique church enterprise at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks. On September 9, 1900, the Church of St. Eustace-by-the-Lakes was opened for public worship, a monument to the energy and successful labor of Mr. Moir. The building was consecrated by the Bishop of Albany, the Bishop of New York and other ecclesiastics assisting. Summer visitors and native residents are alike interested. For the latter an Industrial School, a Penny Provident Bank, and a Poor Closet are features of the work.

DAVID WHITE<sup>5</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Robert,<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>) b. March 1, 1842, in Rural Valley, Armstrong County, Pa. His mother was Julia Ann White. His father was a merchant, and the son assisted in the business, when not in school, until the outbreak of the war in 1861. He enlisted as a private in Company A, Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until mustered out November 4, 1864. Was in the battles of Stone River—in which he was wounded—Chickamauga and New Hope, and in other smaller engagements. After the war he came west, settling in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1867. For two years he was engaged in mercantile business, then bought an interest in the Buckeye Foundry and Machine Shops. With this business he has been identified to the present time, being now sole proprietor under the name of the McElroy Iron Works.



MISS ABBIE McELROY

Secretary Y. W. C. A., Nashville, Tenn.

MISS MARY McELROY

Secretary Y. W. C. A., Harlem, N. Y.



He is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and one of its Board of Deacons for the past twenty-nine years. He is an active and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has been repeatedly honored with official position. He m., January 17, 1872, Miss Mary Bailey, of Keokuk. Their children are:

1. May<sup>6</sup> b. October 24, 1872; d. April 9, 1880.
2. John A.<sup>6</sup> b. March 31, 1875.
3. Nannie M.<sup>6</sup> b. August 28, 1877; d. April 8, 1880.
4. Margaret<sup>6</sup> b. September 7, 1879; m. Henry M. Colisson, February 23, 1898.
5. Cora Belle<sup>6</sup> b. September 28, 1884; d. January 23, 1885.
6. David White<sup>6</sup> b. June 5, 1888.

REV. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> DICKSON, D. D., of Canfield, Ohio, is of McElroy lineage. He was born January 24, 1830, in County Down, Ireland, a few miles north of Kate's Bridge. His mother was Mary<sup>4</sup> McElroy, daughter of Robert,<sup>3</sup> granddaughter of Robert<sup>2</sup> and great-granddaughter of Hugh, the Scotch pioneer, who settled at Kate's Bridge. Mrs. Mary Dickson d. in December, 1875. She had a brother John, who resided at Leitrim, and seven sisters, all except one remaining in Ireland, and all except one or two being now deceased.

Mr. Dickson graduated from Jefferson College in 1858, and from the Alleghany Presbyterian Theological seminary in 1861. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New Lisbon in 1861, and has been diligent and successful in ministerial and educational work for forty years, pastor at Canfield and Professor in Normal College since 1881. He m., in 1857, Miss Hettie Neswonger. Their two children are:

Dr. James Dickson, of Mt. Jackson, Pa.

Anna, who m. a merchant and resides at Cortland, Ohio.

Mt. Union College honored Mr. Dickson, in 1875, with the title of D. D.





DAVID W. McELROY<sup>5</sup>

John.<sup>4</sup> John.<sup>3</sup> Robert.<sup>2</sup> Hugh<sup>1</sup>





## RICH HILL McELROYS

ABOUT the year 1759 James McElroy from Rich Hill, County Armagh, near the west line of County Down, came to America, at the age of twenty-one, and settled in Franklin County, Pa., in the valley through which flows the creek which was called then and since by the Indian name Conecocheague. The early settlers there were Scotch-Irish and connected with the Seceder and Covenantan churches. There were at least two Seceder churches in that valley, known as the East and West churches. The latter was near Green Castle. James McElroy was an only son, and was m. at the early age of nineteen. Their one child, Margaret, grew to womanhood and m. a Mr. Wilson. The young mother d. of consumption, after which James sold his interest in the family estate to his brother-in-law, a Mr. Shields, and came to America.

Here he met and m. a Miss Margaret Mays, who had come from Ireland when eleven years of age. Her people had settled at or near Baltimore, where in later years they were well known and prominent.

James McElroy was, according to family traditions, a revolutionary soldier. It is probable that when he enlisted he sent his wife and three little boys to stay with her people at Baltimore during his absence. That proved to be the family home for a number of years. After the close of the war the tide of migration tended strongly toward Western Pennsylvania, and especially to Washington County.

James McElroy fell in with this movement, and with his family, came to Washington County, Pa., in 1784. He was related to the Knox family, of Scotland, but in what way we do not know. He d. November 20, 1820, aged eighty-two, and was buried in the

Seceder cemetery of Dr. Ramsey's church, of which he was a member, at Canonsburg.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARGARET McELROY.

1. John b. February 8, 1770; d. September 2, 1813.<sup>o</sup> Married, 1st, February 22, 1791, Mary Duncan, who was b. October 8, 1767, and d. May 20, 1812; 2d, Nancy Doland, who had one child, Francis, b. after his father's death.
2. Alexander b. April 1, 1772; m. 1st, Elizabeth McCarty; 2d, Nancy White.
3. James b. 1774; m. Mary Mitchell.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> McELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) b. February 8, 1770; d. September 2, 1813. Resided eight miles northwest of Washington. Owned and operated a horse-mill, the first flouring mill in his community. Married Mary Duncan, who became the mother of eleven children and d. May 20, 1812, in her forty-fifth year.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY (DUNCAN) McELROY.

1. Margaret<sup>3</sup> b. June 14, 1792; m. John Smith; d. June 6, 1840. One child only survived childhood.
2. James<sup>3</sup> b. June 17, 1794; m. Mary Smith, sister of John.
3. Susannah<sup>3</sup> b. November 15, 1796; m. Jacob Osborne.
4. Alexander<sup>3</sup> b. December 15, 1798; m. Jane McDowell; d. April 18, 1840.
5. Ellen<sup>3</sup> b. February 20, 1800; m. James Canon, nephew of the founder of Canonsburg, Pa. Their son, John, d. young. One daughter, Mary, survives.
6. Mary<sup>3</sup> b. June 17, 1802; m. George Drake. Of their two children, Sarah<sup>4</sup> and Lizzie,<sup>4</sup> the latter alone survives.
7. John<sup>3</sup> b. December 15, 1804; m. Mary Cassil, of Knox County, Ohio; d. 1878.
8. Eliza<sup>3</sup> b. February 15, 1806; m. Alexander Vincent, of Knox County, Ohio; d. February 23, 1864.





JAMES McELROY,<sup>2</sup> 1796-1843

John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>

9. Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> b. June 11, 1807; m. Selina Dunnivan; d. 1875.
10. Tabitha<sup>3</sup> b. February 20, 1809; m. James Graham; d. November, 1881.
11. Jane<sup>3</sup> b. September 12, 1810; m. Abram Drake; d. 1842. Their one child, Alexander, m. Elizabeth Shrimplin, who bore him four children. He d. in Iowa a few years ago.

Of the above family, all married, and with one exception had children of their own. All with perhaps one exception were members of the Disciples' Church, and earnest church workers. Six of these families migrated to Knox County, Ohio, between 1836 and 1840, and there organized a Disciples' Church, in which John and Ebenezer were, all their lives, efficient and prominent. Two of the families settled near Warren, Ohio, while three remained in Pennsylvania.

JAMES<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. June 17, 1794; m. Mary Smith, sister of John. He was a farmer and lived and died in Washington County. He was one of the early and steadfast friends of Alexander Campbell and was identified with the religious movement of which he was leader. He was a man of fine character, of great energy and immense capacity for work. He m. at the early age of twenty, and succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm and also furnished a home to his younger brothers and sisters. He carried on the farm, ran the little mill, and gradually embarked in the wool and sheep business, and prospered. In a little more than twenty years he bought and paid for five farms, and had erected on one of them near West Middletown, a large steam flouring mill, and was from that time engaged largely in the flour business. He d. July 10, 1843, at the early age of forty-nine, leaving a good name, considerable property, and a large family. He was considered a very well-informed Bible student. Although not an ordained minister, he often conducted the public services in their meetings for worship.

## CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARY (SMITH) McELROY.

1. John<sup>4</sup> b. March 4, 1815; m. Margaret Steele and had four children: Jennie,<sup>5</sup> James,<sup>5</sup> Charles<sup>5</sup> and Lizzie.<sup>5</sup>
2. Mary Ann<sup>4</sup> b. October 3, 1816; m. William McKeever. Their five sons were Thomas,<sup>5</sup> James,<sup>5</sup> Birney,<sup>5</sup> Alexander<sup>5</sup> and David.<sup>5</sup> The three older were soldiers in the civil war. Thomas lost his life along with fifty others by the sinking of a boat.
3. Margaret<sup>4</sup> b. June 16, 1818; m. David McClay, by whom she had five children.
4. Harriet<sup>4</sup> b. October 13, 1821; m. — Allison. Had six children.
5. Lucinda<sup>4</sup> b. October 15, 1823; m. John Christie. Had six children.
6. James<sup>4</sup> b. October 16, 1825; m. Mary J. Daugherty, of West Middletown, and had four children.
7. Alexander<sup>4</sup> b. November 7, 1827; m. Malissa Fosbinder. Had eight children.
8. Rebecca<sup>4</sup> b. December 7, 1830; m. Thomas Lane. Had ten children.
9. Smith<sup>4</sup> E. b. March 12, 1832; m. Emma Critchfield.
10. Selena<sup>4</sup> b. July 18, 1834; m. William Dodds. Had five children.
11. Lavinia<sup>4</sup> b. August 27, 1836; m. Bazil Williams. Had four children.
12. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> B. b. September 17, 1841; m., 1869, Agnes C. McFadden.

SUSANNAH<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. November 15, 1796; m. Jacob Osborne. Two of their three children—Alexander<sup>4</sup> and James<sup>4</sup>—d. young. Their daughter, Mary,<sup>4</sup> m. Joseph Dawson. Two of Mrs. Dawson's six children d. in infancy. The other four are:

George<sup>5</sup> m. twice, 1st, to Jane Critchfield. Has had four children.

Clarinda.<sup>5</sup>

Ella.<sup>5</sup>

Chase.<sup>5</sup>

Aunt Susan, then a widow, removed with her children about the year 1837 to Knox County, Ohio, settling in Howard Township. She was a woman of active mind and remarkable memory. In the year 1868, Austin A. Cassil, now an attorney in Chicago, then a lad of 14, listened with great interest to the conversations of his grand aunt, then seventy-two years of age, and committed to writing what she recalled of her grandfather, James McElroy, of Rich Hill, and of his descendants. This he printed some years later, and this is the nucleus of our present history. Mrs. Osborne d. in July, 1878, in her eighty-second year.

ALEXANDER<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. December 15, 1798, in Mt. Pleasant Township, Washington County, Pa. A farmer. Married, April 13, 1820, Jane McDowell, a descendant of Judge McDowell, who was prominent as an elder in Dr. McMillan's Church, and one of the founders of Jefferson College. She was b. May 14, 1797, and d. in September, 1872. He d. April 19, 1840. They were identified with the Associate Reformed Church, of Cross Roads, where both are buried.

#### CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER AND JANE McELROY.

1. James<sup>4</sup> b. March 2, 1821; m., in 1844, Mary Cundall.
2. John<sup>4</sup> b. June 12, 1823; m., May, 1862, Julia Farrar.  
He d. August 4, 1880. The wife d. June 21, 1882.
3. Alexander<sup>4</sup> b. January 31, 1827; d. 1844.
4. William<sup>4</sup> b. May 13, 1829; m., A. D. 1848, Nancy Buchanan.
5. Mary<sup>4</sup> b. October 7, 1833; d. January 20, 1840.
6. Joseph<sup>4</sup> b. October 14, 1836; m., May 1, 1873, Margaret Brown.

CHILDREN OF JAMES<sup>4</sup> AND MARY McELROY.

1. Mary Jane<sup>5</sup> m. Maj. S. L. Wilson. She d. in 1890, leaving five children, viz.: Albert,<sup>6</sup> Rella<sup>6</sup> (d. January, 1900), Hattie,<sup>6</sup> May<sup>6</sup> and Henry.<sup>6</sup>
2. Edward<sup>5</sup> m. Lottie Hamilton, and d. 1872. Left one daughter.
3. Alexander<sup>5</sup> M. A business man in Washington, Pa., and elder in U. P. Church. Married Mattie Nichol. Two of their children are deceased, viz.: James<sup>6</sup> and Lula.<sup>6</sup> Five are living, viz.: Mary,<sup>6</sup> Helen,<sup>6</sup> Earl,<sup>6</sup> Ida<sup>6</sup> and Blanche.<sup>6</sup>
4. James<sup>5</sup> d. unmarried.
5. John<sup>5</sup> d. unmarried.

WILLIAM McELROY<sup>4</sup> (Alexander,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. May 13, 1829; m., about 1848, Nancy Buchanan. Resided at Wellsburgh, W. Va. Was a soldier during the civil war. Died about 1885. His wife d. September, 1899.

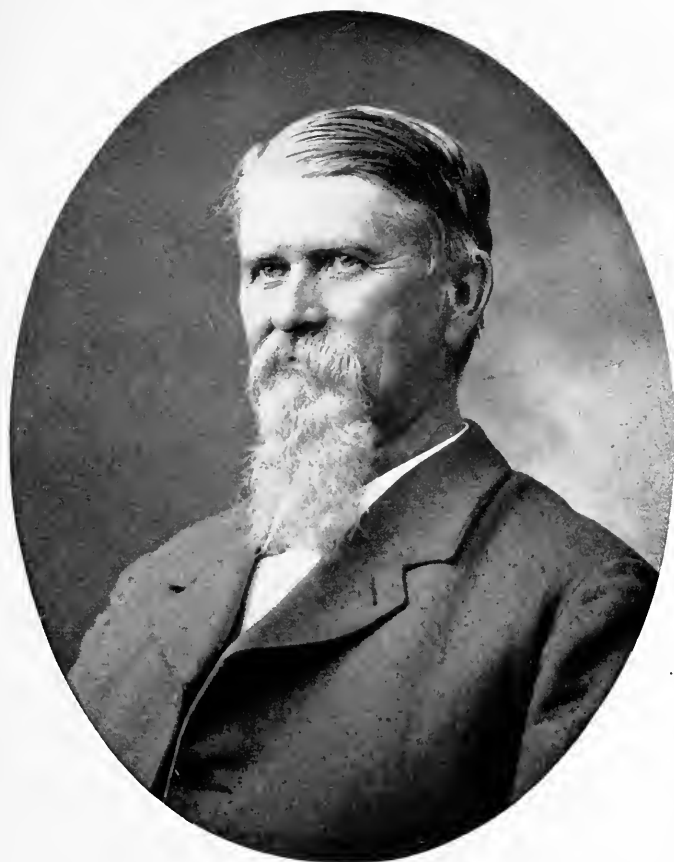
## CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND NANCY McELROY.

Two d. young. Their living children are:

1. Miss Emma Jane.<sup>5</sup> At Wellsburgh.
2. William<sup>5</sup> d. at the age of twenty-three.
3. Alexander<sup>5</sup> m. and has a family at Wellsburgh.
4. Laura<sup>5</sup> m. Campbell Wells; d. 1890. Left one child, Absalom.<sup>6</sup>
5. Frank<sup>5</sup> is m. and has two sons at Wellsburgh.
6. Charles<sup>5</sup> unmarried.

JOSEPH McELROY<sup>4</sup> (Alexander,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. October 14, 1836. Is a physician with large practice at Hickory, Washington County, Pa., where he has resided for thirty years. Has two daughters. The older one, Leila Blanche,<sup>5</sup> m., August 16, 1898, Joseph B. Kithcart, attorney. They reside in Steubenville, Ohio. The younger, Miss Jennie Adaline,<sup>5</sup> is at home with her parents.





JOSEPH McELROY,<sup>1</sup> M. D.

Alexander,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>



ELLEN<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. James Canon, nephew of the founder of Canonsburgh, Pa. Their son, John, d. young. They have one daughter, Mary.

MARY<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. George Drake, of Howard Township, Knox County, Ohio, and had two daughters, Sarah and Lizzie. The former d. young.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Mary Cassil, daughter of John Cassil, Sr., of Knox County, Ohio. He was a farmer and a man of unusual stability and worth and good influence. He took an active part in organizing the first Disciples' church in the region where he lived, and in erecting their house of worship, and in conducting their church services. He was County Commissioner for two terms during the "50's."

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARY CASSIL McELROY.

1. Tabitha<sup>4</sup> m. Peres Critchfield and had two children.  
1st, John M.,<sup>5</sup> who m. Belle Critchfield; her son, Donald P. Critchfield, being of the sixth generation.  
2d, Mary Ida<sup>5</sup> m. Royal D. Langford, and had two children, Paul<sup>6</sup> and Clair.<sup>6</sup> John M. Critchfield was Probate Judge of Knox County 1887-1893.
2. John<sup>4</sup> d. in infancy.
3. Nancy Jane<sup>4</sup> m. Meshach Critchfield. Their children:
  - (1) Etta<sup>5</sup> m. James Dawson, and had Phil. H.,<sup>6</sup> Keturah,<sup>6</sup> John M.<sup>6</sup>
  - (2) Dora<sup>5</sup> m. Fremont J. Critchfield, and had one child, Blanche.<sup>6</sup>
  - (3) Elmer<sup>5</sup> m. Eunice Boyd.
4. John<sup>4</sup> m. Mary Ann Daymude and had children:
  - (1) Burgess M.<sup>5</sup>
  - (2) Jennie, m. John Berry.

5. Mary Esther<sup>4</sup> m. George Critchfield, and had children: Barton M.<sup>5</sup> and James R.<sup>5</sup> B. M. Critchfield was Probate Judge of Knox County, 1893-1896.
6. James<sup>4</sup> m. Frances Mast, and had one child, William Lincoln.<sup>5</sup>
7. Margaret Ellen<sup>4</sup> m. Roland Critchfield. Lovilla<sup>5</sup> and Minnie<sup>5</sup> are their children.
8. Lucinda<sup>4</sup> d. young.
9. Julietta<sup>4</sup> m. Hiram Magers. Their children, Del Ray,<sup>5</sup> Polly,<sup>5</sup> Bessie<sup>5</sup> and Dorse.<sup>5</sup> Their residence was near Hutchinson, Kan., where she d. in 1898.

BURGESS M. McELROY<sup>5</sup> (John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) is at present (1900) Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives.

ELIZA<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. Alexander Vincent, and resides in Howard Township, Knox County.

CHILDREN OF ELIZA (McELROY) AND ALEXANDER VINCENT.

1. Alexander<sup>4</sup> m. Mary Jane Buchanan, and had six children: Jennie,<sup>5</sup> Alice,<sup>5</sup> Elizabeth,<sup>5</sup> Amanda,<sup>5</sup> Judson,<sup>5</sup> and Mark.<sup>5</sup>
2. Mary Jane<sup>4</sup> m. Alexander Cassil, and had two children: Austin A.<sup>5</sup> b. 1854; m. Clara A. Bergen, June 20, 1880. William R.<sup>5</sup> d. May 9, 1881.
3. Martha<sup>4</sup> m. Wilson Critchfield, and had children: Fremont J.,<sup>5</sup> Flora,<sup>5</sup> Lorin,<sup>5</sup> Alice,<sup>5</sup> Harvey,<sup>5</sup> d. young.
4. Selena<sup>4</sup> m. Elias Peeler, and had five children: Vincent J.,<sup>5</sup> Frank,<sup>5</sup> deceased; Ella,<sup>5</sup> deceased; Walter,<sup>5</sup> Barker.<sup>5</sup>
5. Amanda<sup>4</sup> m. C. E. Critchfield. Their children: Charles,<sup>5</sup> and Nellie.<sup>5</sup>
6. Jay<sup>4</sup> m. and has several children.

EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) was an active and influential man in his community, a fluent speaker, endowed with

natural gifts of a high order. Married Selina Dunnivan, who bore him five children.

1. Mary Ann<sup>4</sup> m. James Buchanan, and had three children: James,<sup>5</sup> Selena,<sup>5</sup> Sallie.<sup>5</sup>
2. Harriet<sup>4</sup> m. David McGugin. Their children: William,<sup>5</sup> George,<sup>5</sup> Lizzie,<sup>5</sup> Mary,<sup>5</sup> Frank,<sup>5</sup> Walter.<sup>5</sup>
3. Thomas<sup>4</sup> m. Elmira Shrimplin. He was a soldier. Died in the civil war, leaving two daughters: Cora,<sup>5</sup> who m. Laurel Robinson, and has two children. Eva<sup>5</sup> m. Winnie Robinson, and had one child.
4. John<sup>4</sup> d. young.
5. Sarah Jane<sup>4</sup> m. 1st, Smith Buchanan, a soldier, who d. during the war. She m. 2d, George Burris.

TABITHA<sup>3</sup> McELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) m. James Graham, and had five children. Died 1881.

1. John<sup>4</sup> m. Louisa Shrimplin, and had two children: Pardee,<sup>5</sup> deceased, and John.<sup>5</sup> The father d. many years ago.
2. Alexander<sup>4</sup> m. Anna Cake, and had one child, Laura.<sup>5</sup> A soldier. Died from disease contracted in the army.
3. James Burleigh.<sup>4</sup> An attorney engaged in law practice in Mt. Vernon. Born November 9, 1842; graduated from Kenyon College in 1866; a teacher for two years. Studied law with Judge Hurd, of Mt. Vernon, admitted to the bar in 1872, and now has been in practice twenty-eight years. Married, in 1881, Miss Jennie Taylor, whose sudden death occurred November 29, 1897.
4. Eliza Jane<sup>4</sup> m. Lyman Ellis, and had a daughter, Edna.

CHILDREN OF JAMES B. AND JENNIE GRAHAM.

1. George<sup>5</sup> b. 1882.
2. Ada.<sup>5</sup>
3. May.<sup>5</sup>
4. James.<sup>5</sup>
5. Zilla<sup>5</sup> b. 1896.

WILLIAM LINCOLN McELROY<sup>5</sup> (James,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. near Howard, Knox County, Ohio, October 6, 1865. Brought up on the farm, attended the public school, a student in Butler University, Indiana, one year, attended Bethany College, West Virginia, graduating with the highest honors in 1886. Studied law with Hon. William M. Koons, was admitted to the bar December 6, 1887, and had been engaged in law practice in Mt. Vernon for twelve years past. Was prosecuting attorney for the county three years, trustee of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Columbus, and had been prominently spoken of for Congressional honors. He was a man of fine attainments and oratorical power. He d. of typhoid pneumonia at the home of his parents August 23, 1900, leaving many friends to mourn his demise, among them his affianced bride, to whom he would have been m. in October.

ALEXANDER<sup>2</sup> McELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) b. April 1, 1772; m. 1st, Elizabeth McCarty; 2d, Nancy White. The first wife d. soon after the birth of their one child, Margaret, who was b. April 1, 1798, and d. unmarried July 3, 1865. The 2d wife was b. October 19, 1781; m. December 2, 1812; d. November 12, 1851. Alexander McElroy was an industrious and prosperous farmer, lived five miles from Canonsburgh, Pa., was a member of Miller's Run Presbyterian Church, and an elder for sixty years. He d. March 4, 1864, aged ninety-two, and was buried at Washington.

#### CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER AND NANCY McELROY.

1. Eliza Ann<sup>3</sup> b. November 2, 1814; m. Joseph V. Rea, November 26, 1840; d. 1878.
2. James<sup>3</sup> b. June 28, 1817; m. Elizabeth Campbell, August 20, 1840; d. June 9, 1876, aged sixty-three.
3. Nancy Jane<sup>3</sup> b. May 26, 1821; m. James Cotton, August 24, 1843.

CHILDREN OF ELIZA ANN (McELROY) AND JOSEPH V. REA.

1. A. McElroy Rea,<sup>4</sup> physician, West Middletown.
2. William Rea,<sup>4</sup> farmer, McConnell's Mills, Pa.
3. Mrs. Nancy Jane<sup>4</sup> (McDowell), Washington, Pa.

CHILDREN OF NANCY JANE (McELROY) AND JAMES COTTON.

1. A. McElroy Cotton,<sup>4</sup> physician, Haddonfield, N. J. Born May 11, 1844.
2. James S.<sup>4</sup> b. March 8, 1847. A soldier. Died during the war, November 30, 1864.
3. Agnes<sup>4</sup> b. May 30, 1851; d. August 16, 1863, unmarried.
4. Christian M.<sup>4</sup> A widower, Washington, Pa. Born February 9, 1853.
5. L. S.<sup>4</sup> Cotton, Washington. Married Lillie B. Judson. They have three children.
6. Robert H.<sup>4</sup> Cotton, b. September 4, 1856; m. September 5, 1882, Miss Florence M. Freshwaters, who d. March 15, 1898, the mother of three children:

Gilmore<sup>5</sup> b. at Columbus, Ohio, November 25, 1883.

Flossie<sup>5</sup> b. July 16, 1886; d. October 26, 1889.

Roberta<sup>5</sup> Laraine, b. at Wellsburg, W. Va., March 15, 1898.

Robert H. Cotton is a prominent lawyer; admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio, December 7, 1880. In practice at Columbus six years, and at Wellsburg, W. Va., since 1886. Has been prosecuting attorney of his county for eight years past, and his name was before the nominating convention as candidate for Attorney-General of West Virginia.

Mother Cotton lives with her son Robert, at Wellsburg, a widow, in her eightieth year.

JAMES<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. June 28, 1817; m. Elizabeth Campbell, August 20, 1840. She d. June 9, 1876, aged sixty-three, leaving six children:

1. Esther Mary<sup>4</sup> m. Samuel Brady. Residence Canonsburgh. No issue.

2. Nancy Ann<sup>4</sup> m. William Rea. Reside at Bulger, Pa.
3. Alexander M.<sup>4</sup> m. Mary Richardson. Residence Cleveland, Ohio. Have one child, Raymond.
4. Lucinda H.<sup>4</sup> m. Joseph McKirahan (now deceased), Carnegie, Pa.
5. Elizabeth Jane<sup>4</sup> m. John A. Aiken, August 20, 1879. Ingram, Pa.
6. Sarah<sup>4</sup> Isabel McElroy, single, Canonsburgh, Pa.

GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELIZABETH (CAMPBELL)  
MCELROY.

John Rea, deceased.

S. Jefferson Rea, Bulger, Pa.

William M. Rea, Bulger, Pa.

A. Roy McKirahan, m. Mabel Moyer, Rochester, N. Y.

Ray McKirahan (deceased).

Thomas El Moyne McKirahan, Carnegie, Pa.

Adia E. Aiken, Ingram, Pa.

Myrta Fay Aiken, Ingram, Pa.

Fred. A. Aiken, Ingram, Pa.

JAMES<sup>2</sup> MCELROY (James<sup>1</sup>) b. 1774. His home near Baltimore, where he attended an institution of learning, of which his kinsman, a Mr. Alexander Mays, was the head. He was a scholarly man, of good attainments and extensive reading. He studied medicine, but never engaged in practice, devoting himself to the life of a farmer. He m., in Washington County, Pa., Miss Mary Mitchell, whose family were well-known and prominent people. One of her sisters was the wife of Rev. Dr. Riddell, an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister. She was b. in 1786, and d. in 1850.

After living for a time in Washington County, he removed to Ohio, locating on a farm seven miles from Steubenville, erecting a residence modeled after the Maryland home, where he passed the rest of his life. He was an intelligent man, generous and kind, and the soul of honor, but naturally dignified and unbend-



ing. Even his children, who admired and honored him, felt something of awe in his presence. He d. in 1858, at the age of eighty-four. He and family were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, merged, later, in the United Presbyterian Church.

## CHILDREN OF JAMES AND MARY McELROY.

1. Margaret<sup>3</sup> m. Madison Gladden. She d. 1865. They had five children living in 1900:
  - (1) William Gladden<sup>4</sup> b. 1834. Merchant, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
  - (2) James.<sup>4</sup> California.
  - (3) John Riddell.<sup>4</sup> California.
  - (4) Mrs. Van Vranken.<sup>4</sup> Tabor, Iowa.
  - (5) Miss Selena<sup>4</sup> Gladden. Denver, Col.
2. James<sup>3</sup> m. Sarah McCausland, daughter of Col. McCausland, who figured in the Mexican war, and, later, a member of Congress. They had two sons and three daughters. Parents are both deceased.
3. Jane<sup>3</sup> m. Cyrus Cunningham, of Richmond, Ohio, and d. 1862. Had two sons and eight daughters. Resided in Wellsburg, W. Va.
4. Joseph<sup>3</sup> m. Mary Jane Lee, of Cadiz, Ohio. He d. 1863. Had two sons and three daughters. Two daughters and one son deceased.
5. John<sup>3</sup> m. Keziah Lewis, of Wellsburg; d. in the early '90's leaving three sons.
6. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> m. James Russell, of Washington County, Pa. She resides, a widow, at Barnesville, Ohio.

EBENEZER B.<sup>4</sup> McELROY (James,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. in Washington County, Pa., September 17, 1841. Brought up on the farm, attended the public schools and State Normal school, became a teacher at twenty. Enlisted in First West Virginia Volunteers in 1861, serving two years. In 1863, re-enlisted in One Hundredth Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers ("Round Heads") and

served in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac to the final surrender of Lee's army. At the close of the war he re-entered college and then taught for several years in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In 1873 he went to Oregon, settling at Corvallis. Was County Superintendent of Schools for six years, and in 1882 was nominated and elected as State Superintendent of Public Schools, being twice reëlected and holding the position twelve years. For six years past he has been a professor in the University at Eugene, Oregon. He is prominent in Grand Army circles, and has been an officer in the National Teachers' Association. He is a worker, and is recognized as one of the most capable and high-minded among the public men of his State. He is known as Colonel McElroy, and carries the honors of A. M. and Ph. D.

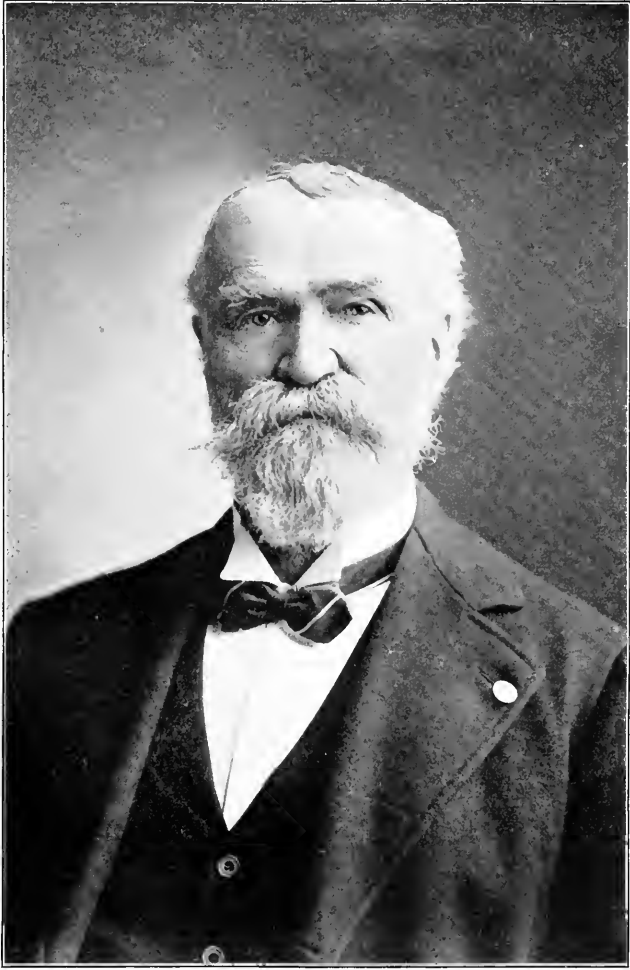
He m., in 1869, in Washington County, Pa., Miss Agnes C. McFadden, niece of the distinguished Alexander Campbell, prominent in the Disciple or Christian Church.

The death of Professor McElroy occurred at Eugene, Oregon, May 4, 1901.

JAMES<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (James,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. near West Middletown, Washington County, Pa., October 16, 1825. Married 1st, March 23, 1849, Miss Mary J. Daugherty, who d. April 11, 1867; 2d, April 8, 1874, Elizabeth M. Clough. His schooling was in the district schools, in the sheep folds, and in his father's flouring mill. At the age of fourteen he joined a military company, and at eighteen received commission as captain from Governor Porter. At sixteen he became master of transportation in the flour trade, with six horse team hauling to Pittsburgh, to Wellsburg, on the Ohio river, and across the mountains to Cumberland.

For twelve years after marriage he was a farmer, in wool business and shipping fat stock to Eastern markets.

When the war broke out he was one of the first to volunteer, he and his company of ninety-six men being mustered in at Wheeling, as Company B, First W. Va. Volunteers. His regiment, in which he was captain and adjutant, was on duty in the West



JAMES McELROY

Late Captain First West Virginia Volunteer Infantry



Virginia mountains, and in the Shenandoah valley and in Maryland, and was engaged in thirty-six battles, not to speak of skirmishes and severe marches.

A year after returning from his three years of military service, having sold his farm and stock, he removed to Davenport, Iowa, and was there engaged for eight years in mercantile business, hides, wool, live stock and grain.

In 1874 he removed to Chicago, and immediately bought a membership in the Board of Trade, and has been engaged in the commission business on the Board of Trade ever since. He has met with success in business, and is very happy in his family relations. His children are all married. He has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He is a member and officer of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, of which Dr. P. S. Henson is pastor. His seventy-five years seem to sit lightly upon him—judging by his portrait. He is six feet and one inch in height, and his avoirdupois amounts to 190.

The captain writes us nothing about present-day politics, but he tells us that his father and uncles were old-time Whigs, and also that they were earnest and zealous Abolitionists.

Since our manuscript went to the printer an item of interest has come in regard to Margaret, infant daughter of James McElroy, of Rich Hill, who in mature years m. a Wilson.

The late James Wilson, of Troy, N. Y., was probably her son. He was a native of County Armagh, his mother a McElroy. A granddaughter of his, Mrs. James H. Lobdell, resides in Chicago. A grandson, Hon. Charles R. Sligh, of Grand Rapids, is a prominent citizen of Michigan, who narrowly escaped the Governorship a few years since.



## ALBANY McELROYS

THE name McElroy has been well known in Eastern New York for more than a hundred years. Shortly before the year 1800 two brothers, James and Samuel McElroy, came from County Down, North Ireland, and settled at Albany. Their father was David McElroy, residing in the northern part of County Down, whose wife was the Lady Eleanor Glendenning. Tradition relates that this noble lady when hunting was on one occasion rescued from great peril by David McElroy, and the resulting acquaintance and appreciation led to their marriage.

### CHILDREN OF DAVID AND ELEANOR McELROY.

1. James<sup>2</sup> m. Jane White. Resided at Albany.
2. Samuel<sup>2</sup> b. 1762; m. 1st, Eleanor Jackson; 2d, Esther C. Porter.
3. David.<sup>2</sup>
4. Mary<sup>2</sup> m. John Hyde. Resided in Delaware County, N. Y.
5. Margaret<sup>2</sup> m. John Lundie.
6. Eleanor<sup>2</sup> m. Joseph McBurney, merchant, Albany.

JAMES<sup>2</sup> McELROY (David<sup>1</sup>) who m. Jane White, was widely known as "Boss McElroy." He was an architect and celebrated builder. He built the old Albany capitol, Waterford bridge, first canal lock near Rome, N. Y., and Government forts on the lakes for the war of 1812. He was a man of splendid physique and resided at Albany.

### CHILDREN OF JAMES AND JANE McELROY.

1. Mary<sup>3</sup> m. John McElroy. Settled in Ohio.
2. Eleanor<sup>3</sup> m. David Martin, M. D. Albany.

3. Sarah<sup>3</sup> m. — Campbell. Albany.
4. Nancy.<sup>3</sup>
5. Margaret.<sup>3</sup> Married and resided in Philadelphia.
6. James<sup>3</sup> m. Eleanor Russell.
7. Robert<sup>3</sup> m. Jane McCullom.

SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> MCELROY (David<sup>1</sup>) b. in County Down, 1762. Was educated with a view to the Presbyterian ministry, but "ran away"—so tradition has it—to America, settled at Albany, and became a merchant. His first wife was Eleanor Jackson, of New Scotland, Albany County, N. Y. Her father, John Jackson, emigrated from Scotland time of the French war, and was founder of the town. Died in 1826, at the age of ninety-nine. His wife was Sarah Lundie. His descendants numbered at his death 178. Five grandsons were soldiers in the civil war.

Samuel McElroy m., as second wife, in 1817, at Ballston, Esther C. Porter. He was a prominent citizen and successful merchant. Retiring from business about 1825, he removed to Johnstown, N. Y., where he built a large residence. He was a man of fine appearance and was often taken for Governor DeWitt Clinton. He d. in 1834, æt. seventy-two.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND ELEANOR MCELROY.

1. Margaret<sup>3</sup> b. November 11, 1800; m. Thomas McElroy, January 3, 1825; d. September 8, 1883.
2. Thomas<sup>3</sup> b. August 16, 1802; m. Antoinette Gregory, 1823; d. May 12, 1858.
3. James<sup>3</sup> b. December 4, 1804; m. Sarah Wand, April 10, 1838; d. February 22, 1871.
4. Sarah<sup>3</sup> b. September 12, 1806; m. Rev. Cornelius Gates, November 27, 1827; d., Philadelphia, November 30, 1855.
5. Jane<sup>3</sup> b. November 14, 1808; m. Peter McNaughton, M. D., 1836; d. March 15, 1889.



6. Eleanor<sup>3</sup> b. June 12, 1811; m. John Dorr, attorney, 1838;  
d. November 13, 1883.
7. Samuel<sup>3</sup> d. in infancy.

Another family comes now within our view.

At Shaw's Loch, County Armagh, Thomas McElroy and wife Mary (McCullough) had their residence. Their children were:

James.<sup>2</sup>

Robert.<sup>2</sup>

Thomas.<sup>2</sup>

Alexander.<sup>2</sup>

Elizabeth.<sup>2</sup>

John.<sup>2</sup>

Susan.<sup>2</sup>

Alexander b. 1760; m. Jane Irving (or Irvine), September 25, 1783, living at Mary Lane, in Ireland, and came to America about 1811. He bought land and opened a farm at Newton, Oneida County, a few miles northwest of Rome, N. Y., where he spent most of his days. Died August 16, 1847.

#### CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER AND JANE McELROY.

1. Agnes<sup>3</sup> m. Samuel Stevenson.
2. Mary<sup>3</sup> m. James K. McElroy.
3. William<sup>3</sup> m. Esther Austin.
4. Eleanor<sup>3</sup> m. Alex. Frazier.
5. Susan<sup>3</sup> m. Abram Goodrich.
6. Thomas<sup>3</sup> b. February 12, 1799; m. Margaret McElroy  
(Samuel).
7. Jane<sup>3</sup> m. William L. Platt; d. August, 1872.
8. James<sup>3</sup> m. Cordelia Richardson; d. 1847.
9. Alexander<sup>3</sup> d. in infancy.
10. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> d. young.

CHILDREN OF JOHN HYDE AND MARY<sup>2</sup> McELROY.Sarah.<sup>3</sup>Elizabeth.<sup>3</sup>Mary.<sup>3</sup>CHILDREN OF JOSEPH MCBURNEY AND ELEANOR<sup>2</sup> McELROY.

1. Jane<sup>3</sup> m. McIlvaine. Her son, Glendenning,<sup>4</sup> Episcopal clergyman, Ohio.
2. Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> m. Dr. Craig, Ogdensburgh.
3. Ellen.<sup>3</sup>
4. Thomas.<sup>3</sup>
5. David.<sup>3</sup>

Jane<sup>4</sup> daughter of Eleanor<sup>3</sup> (McElroy) and Dr. David Martin, m. Rev. Chauncey Webster.

Sarah Jane<sup>4</sup> daughter of Sarah<sup>3</sup> (McElroy) Campbell, m. Ogden N. Chapin, Albany.

THE CHILDREN OF JAMES<sup>3</sup> McELROY (James,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>), who m. Eleanor Russell, were: Jane,<sup>4</sup> Peter.<sup>4</sup>

CHILDREN OF ROBERT<sup>3</sup> McELROY (James,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>), who m. Jane McCullom:

1. Joseph Randall.<sup>4</sup> Settled in California.
2. Robert.<sup>4</sup> A Methodist minister. Settled in California.
3. Mary<sup>4</sup> m. ——— English.

CHILDREN OF JANE<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) AND DR. PETER McNAUGHTON.

1. Eleanor b. November 16, 1837, Scottsville, N. Y.; d. 1858.
2. Catharine b. Scottsville, N. Y.
3. Sarah Jane b. Scottsville; m. Dr. D. Stuart Allen, June 28, 1888.

CHILDREN OF ELEANOR<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) AND JOHN DORR.

1. Jane Ann b. Scottsville, N. Y., December 23, 1841; d. July 29, 1884.
2. Eleanor b. April 25, 1844, at Scottsville, N. Y.
3. Samuel Hobart b. at Scottsville, N. Y., July 8, 1850.

CHILDREN OF AGNES<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) AND SAMUEL STEVENSON.

1. Mary Jane<sup>4</sup> m. Rev. — Taylor, Evans' Center, N. Y.
2. James Thomas<sup>4</sup> m. Louisa Wright, Albany.
3. Alexander.<sup>4</sup>
4. Margaret.<sup>4</sup>
5. William<sup>4</sup> m. Mary A. Betts. New York.
6. Samuel.<sup>4</sup>
7. George.<sup>4</sup>

JAMES K.<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (John,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. in Ireland, 1780, at Ratharbury, County Armagh. His mother was Hannah Kilpatrick. He came, a young man, to New York City, where he was m. about 1809, to his cousin, Mary McElroy, daughter of Alexander,<sup>2</sup> and older sister of Thomas,<sup>3</sup> she having come from Ireland to marry him. They lived in New York City. The wife d. June 22, 1822, leaving two sons. The husband afterward m. Esther, widow of his first wife's brother, William. They resided in later years at Trenton Village, Oneida County, N. Y.

## CHILDREN OF JAMES K. MCELROY.

By his first wife, Mary:

1. William<sup>4</sup> who lived and d. in New York City.
2. John<sup>4</sup> b. in New York, April 4, 1812; d. Delaware, Ohio, 1889.

By second wife, Esther:

3. James<sup>4</sup> who resided in Binghamton, N. Y.
4. Thomas,<sup>4</sup> also at Binghamton, N. Y.
5. Charles<sup>4</sup> A. Columbus, Ohio.

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) m. Esther Austin. Was a civil engineer. Resident engineer, Erie canal, middle division, and later engineer Delaware Breakwater. Died before middle age, leaving two daughters, Agnes<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth.<sup>4</sup>

SUSAN<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) m. Abram Goodrich. Their children:

1. Susan.<sup>4</sup>
2. Alexander M.<sup>4</sup> m. Hannah Lord.
3. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> m. Stephen Salisbury.
4. Jane.<sup>4</sup>
5. Thomas<sup>4</sup> m. Jane Blodgett.
6. Charles.<sup>4</sup>
7. Abram.<sup>4</sup>

THOMAS<sup>3</sup> MCELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. February 12, 1799; m. Margaret McElroy<sup>3</sup> (Samuel,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>). Thomas was rodman and assistant engineer on Erie canal. Later and during a long life he was a merchant in Albany. He was widely and favorably known, a man of means, public spirit and benevolence, elder in the Dutch Reformed Church twenty-six years, a friend and liberal patron of the American Bible Society. He was Collector of the Port under President William H. Harrison, alderman of his ward for many years, school commissioner, and one of the founders and trustees of the Albany Medical College. He d. in his eighty-third year, October 21, 1881, killed by a railroad train as he was crossing the track at the Albany Cemetery. His wife, who was b. November 11, 1800, survived her husband almost two years, her death occurring September 8, 1883.

#### CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARGARET MCELROY.

1. Samuel<sup>4</sup> b. at Albany, October 4, 1825. Civil engineer. Brooklyn.
2. Jane<sup>4</sup> b. at Albany, May 1, 1828; m. S. M. Shaw, editor, Cooperstown, N. Y.



THOMAS McELROY,<sup>2</sup> OF ALBANY, 1799-1881

Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>



3. Eleanor<sup>4</sup> b. at Albany, July 21, 1830.
4. Alexander<sup>4</sup> b. July 1, 1832. Civil engineer. Died 1892.
5. Thomas Irving<sup>4</sup> b. February 12, 1834. A soldier in New York regiments during civil war; Assistant Secretary to Admiral Worden, Pacific squadron. Died at Callao, 1868.
6. Margaret<sup>4</sup> b. January 25, 1836; d. August 8, 1851.

JANE<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) m. William L. Platt, descendant of Platt family, Plattsburgh, N. Y. He d. 1864. His wife d. 1872. Their children:

1. Eliza<sup>4</sup> b. at Remsen, Oneida County, May 23, 1825; d. 1826.
2. John B.<sup>4</sup> b. December 1, 1826; m. Elmira Shaver, Canandaigua, September 30, 1857.
3. Mary Louisa<sup>4</sup> b. May 2, 1829; m. Daniel Polly, May 20, 1852. Alder Creek.
4. Abbie<sup>4</sup> b. February 11, 1851; m. George S. Van Vorhees, November 4, 1866. Alder Creek.
5. Jane I.<sup>4</sup> b. January 31, 1835. Trenton. Married James P. Scott, July 1, 1858. Plattsburgh.
6. James McElroy<sup>4</sup> b. August 21, 1836. Trenton.
7. Chauncey Alex.<sup>4</sup> b. March 13, 1838. Boonville.
8. William A.<sup>4</sup> b. August 9, 1840. Boonville. Married Julia H. Holcomb, April 1, 1870. Sherburne.

JAMES<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) m. Cordelia Richardson; d. 1847. Their children:

1. James<sup>4</sup> b. New Hartford, N. Y., July, 1832; m. Julia McGaughey, Cleveland.
2. William<sup>4</sup> Henry b. New Hartford, 1838; d. 1845.

SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> McELROY (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) b. at Albany, October 4, 1825. A distinguished civil engineer. Connected with

United States Engineer Corps, designing engineer, Brooklyn water works; engineer of various water works, canals, harbor works, and railways; prominent expert in water power and other cases. In recent years he was the oldest hydraulic engineer in practice in the United States. He d. at his Brooklyn residence, from heart trouble, December 10, 1898, aet. seventy-three, and was buried in Albany. Married, February 1, 1848, Catharine Knapp, of Albany, a descendant of the Clark, Haring and Kip families of New York.

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND CATHARINE MCELROY.

1. Irving<sup>5</sup> b. Albany, January 19, 1849; m., July 17, 1873, Kate P. Williams.
2. Samuel Haring<sup>5</sup> b. Albany, May 12, 1851; m. Grace E. Fish, May 10, 1876.
3. Mary Haring<sup>5</sup> b. New York City, March 9, 1854.
4. Margaret Sokoloff<sup>5</sup> b. May 18, 1857, Brooklyn; d. August 14, 1857.
5. Kate Knapp<sup>5</sup> b. April 18, 1865, Brooklyn; m. Albert Banker, October, 1884.

ALEXANDER<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Samuel,<sup>2</sup> David<sup>1</sup>) b. July 1, 1832; m. Rebecca Adams, Lyons, N. Y., December 30, 1856. Civil engineer, Erie canal enlargement, various railways and other public works. Died at Pittsburgh, 1892.

THEIR CHILDREN.

1. Mary Hamilton<sup>5</sup> b. June 13, 1858, Lyons, N. Y.; m. W. A. Gangweyer, attorney, Burlington, N. J.
2. Georgia Lewis<sup>5</sup> b. March 18, 1862, Brooklyn; d. 1865.
3. James Adams<sup>5</sup> b. September 15, 1864. Walden, N. Y. Died August 10, 1877.
4. Grace Alexander<sup>5</sup> b. July 22, 1870. Brooklyn.

JOHN<sup>4</sup> MCELROY (James K.,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. New York, April 4, 1812; m., November 2, 1832, Maria Gilbert Blinn, of



Trenton, N. Y. His business was that of wagon and carriage making. In 1834 he removed to Delaware, Ohio, which proved to be his permanent home. He was a member from the age of thirteen in the Presbyterian church, and was for many years an elder in the Delaware church. He was five times a delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly, including the Reunion Assembly of 1869. He d. at Delaware, September 1, 1889.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND MARIA McELROY.

1. Ervin Butler<sup>5</sup> b. August 6, 1835. Unmarried. California.
2. Amelziah Hovey<sup>5</sup> b. July 22, 1836.
3. Milo Gilbert<sup>5</sup> b. February 4, 1842; d. 1890, leaving some family.
4. Mary Ellen<sup>5</sup> b. August 7, 1847; d January 9, 1851.
5. Stella May<sup>5</sup> b. June 10, 1852.

IRVING<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>)  
 b. Albany, January 19, 1849. Educated, public school, Brooklyn, N. Y., Trinity school, New York, St. Stephen's College, Annandale, and the General Theological Seminary, New York City.

He took Bachelor's Degree in 1870, and that of Master of Arts, 1873. Ordained deacon, January 29, 1873, by Bishop Littlejohn, and priest, May 31, 1874. During the past twenty-seven years he has been busily employed in the duties of his sacred calling; on duty in the City and State of New York, in Baltimore, in Washington City, and for seven years in Iowa and North Dakota, where he was Archdeacon and Bishop's assistant. Since 1897 he has been curate of St. James', New York City. Married 1st, July 7, 1873, Kate P. Williams, Fordham, New York City, who d. August 9, 1893; 2d, Mrs. Grace W. Birch, Fordham, July 17, 1898.

CHILDREN OF REV. IRVING AND KATE P. McELROY.

1. Margaret Edgar<sup>6</sup> b. May 30, 1874; m. George Rowland Hill, September 10, 1895. They have a daughter, Katharine Irving<sup>6</sup> Hill, b. May 24, 1896.

2. Robert<sup>6</sup> b. July 5, 1876; m. Mabel Coulter Ferris, September 21, 1900.
3. Thomas Percy<sup>6</sup> b. July 4, 1877.
4. Mary Howard<sup>6</sup> b. October 4, 1880.
5. George Glenwyn<sup>6</sup> b. October 4, 1881; d. 1882.

SAMUEL HARING<sup>5</sup> McELROY (Samuel,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Alexander,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. May 12, 1851; m. Grace E. Fish, May 10, 1876. A civil engineer. Kings County, N. Y. Resides at Bensonhurst, L. I. Their children:

1. Georgia.<sup>6</sup>
2. Samuel Austin.<sup>6</sup>
3. Jessie<sup>6</sup> (deceased).
4. Evelyln.<sup>6</sup>
5. Malcolm.<sup>6</sup>

The earliest McElroy name that has come down to us is that of John,<sup>1</sup> of Scotland. A descendant, probably a son of his, bearing the same name, with his wife Jean, lived and d. in the southern part of County Down, Ireland. His granddaughter, Mrs. Stitt, lived at Kilked. He may be set down as John.<sup>2</sup>

At Dromantine, near Newry, not far from Kilked, there is a home that has been occupied by the McElroys during four or five generations. One hundred years ago it was the home of a John McElroy, and his father before him had lived in the same house, and, as his descendants understand, had also borne the name John. These two are probably the third and fourth generations.

CHILDREN OF JOHN McELROY<sup>4</sup> (John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>).

1. William<sup>5</sup> b. October 28, 1796; m. Jane McMullen.
2. John<sup>5</sup> d. in Mississippi.
3. Joseph<sup>5</sup> d. in New Orleans.
4. Samuel<sup>5</sup> occupies the old homestead at Dromantine.
5. Richard.<sup>5</sup> A farmer near Dromantine.
6. James<sup>5</sup> m. Susanna Evertson. Residence, Albany.



WILLIAM McELROY  
Of Albany, 1796—1887



7. Margaret<sup>5</sup> m. William Tate.
8. Jane<sup>5</sup> m. Andrew Beatty.
9. Mary<sup>5</sup> m. A. M. Ligget.

WILLIAM McELROY<sup>5</sup> (John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) b. October 28, 1796. Came to America 1822. Landed at Quebec, went to Philadelphia, then returned north and found employment in his trade as a linen weaver at Schaghticoke and other places in the State of New York. In 1824 he came to Albany and went into business as a grocer in company with Mr. John Ewart. Later he sold out and embarked in the dry goods trade, in which he continued, a successful merchant, until he retired from business at an advanced age. He was an elder in the Reformed Presbyterian Church and widely known and respected. In 1876 his children and their families united in a celebration of the grandfather's eightieth anniversary. There were hospitality and mirth, and memorial exercises of high literary character, which were greatly enjoyed, and which will be long remembered. He d. November 16, 1887, at the age of ninety-one years.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND JANE (McMULLEN) McELROY

1. Andrew.<sup>6</sup>
2. Margaret.<sup>6</sup>
3. John E.<sup>6</sup>
4. William H.<sup>6</sup>
5. Emma.<sup>6</sup>
6. Charles E.<sup>6</sup>

Of these, only three are now living, Margaret and John E., of Albany, and William H., of New York City.

WILLIAM H. McELROY<sup>6</sup> (William,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) of Albany is widely known as a journalist, lecturer, poet and ready speaker on important public occasions. He was at one time editor-in-chief of the *Albany Journal*, and later prominent in the editorial corps of the *New York Tribune*. In 1894 he removed

to Rochester, N. Y., becoming editor of the Rochester *Post-Express*. In 1898 he returned to New York, where he has since resided.

In the Albany Centennial Celebration, several years since, Mr. McElroy was the poet of the occasion. He has been honored with the merited title of LL. D. He has four children living: John Curtis, Eloise, Margaret Bradford and one younger.

JOHN E. McELROY<sup>6</sup> (William,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) is a well-known citizen and prominent business man in Albany. His wife was Mary Arthur, daughter of Rev. William Arthur, and sister of President Chester A. Arthur. Mrs. McElroy was well-known in Washington during the presidency of her distinguished brother, occupying the position of "Lady of the White House," and nobly meeting its responsibilities. They have had four children:

1. Mary Cotton<sup>7</sup> who m. Charles H. Jackson. They reside at Boise City, Idaho, where they have a large prune ranch. Their children are Jessie<sup>8</sup> and Charles Henry.<sup>8</sup>
2. William.<sup>7</sup> An attorney, who d. several years since.
3. Jessie.<sup>7</sup>
4. Charles Edward.<sup>7</sup>



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## MICHIGAN-ALBANY McELROYS

ABOUT the year 1809, David McElroy, who was b. near Belfast, in County Down, Ireland, emigrated with wife and six children to the United States, and settled at Paterson, N. J. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Mills or Milroy, probably the latter. Some of his descendants say that his place of birth was Bellamy—perhaps Bellamy Hinch, the name of a parish and of a town in County Down. He was a merchant in the old country, and the family record indicates that two of his children were b. in Limerick.

The family remained in New Jersey only two or three years and then removed to Canada, settling in the Province of Ontario. His children were twelve in number :

1. David b. in Ireland in 1798; lived to be ninety-seven years old.
2. Barney b. in Ireland in 1800.
3. Francis b. in Ireland in 1802; d. in 1880, aged seventy-eight.
4. Andrew b. in Ireland in 1805.
5. John b. in Limerick in 1807; lived to be ninety.
6. Mary b. in Limerick in 1809.
7. Jane b. probably in New Jersey in 1811.
8. Catharine b. in Canada in 1813.
9. Hiram b. in Canada in 1816.
10. James b. in Canada in 1818.
11. Sarah b. in Canada in 1820.
12. Elizabeth b. in Canada in 1823. Resides at Woodslee, Ontario. Mrs. Henry North—the only survivor of her father's family.

Andrew McElroy was a prominent man and at one time mayor of Hamilton, Can.

Francis McElroy, third son of David, m., in November, 1827, Mary Surerus, of Flamboro, East Ontario. They had ten children, all b. probably in Canada. Their names were:

- Jacob<sup>t</sup> b. in 1828.
- Andrew<sup>t</sup> b. in 1831.
- David<sup>t</sup> b. in 1833.
- Crocket<sup>t</sup> b. in 1835.
- Worthy<sup>t</sup> b. in 1838.
- Francis<sup>t</sup> b. in 1841.
- William<sup>t</sup> b. in 1844.
- Mary<sup>t</sup> b. in 1846.
- Robert<sup>t</sup> b. in 1849.
- Wesley<sup>t</sup> b. in 1851.

The career of Francis McElroy was checkered, adventurous, long and highly honorable. When twelve years old he was bound out to the owner of a cotton factory, and for a trivial offense was whipped by a brutal overseer with a cat-o'-nine-tails. Soon after this he and a younger brother ran away and went to the City of New York. Later he worked on a farm, and then went into a blacksmith shop and learned the blacksmith trade. At Lockport, N. Y., he carried on smithing business when the Erie canal was being built. Removing to Dundas, Ontario, he continued in business, and to draw custom kept a keg of free whiskey in his shop. Whiskey was cheap and he and almost everybody used it freely.

Discovering at length that he was on the high road to ruin he threw the whiskey out of his shop, and became and continued a strong temperance man.

When the rebellion of 1835 broke out in Canada, he was notified, because of his sympathy with the rebels, to leave the country within two days. He removed with his family to Lockport, N. Y., and finally went from there to Texas. In 1838 he returned to Canada, settling at Galt. From and after 1852, his residence was on Lake Superior, where he owned a farm in a beautiful location which he called "The Vale of Avoca."

He was a large, able-bodied man, with unusual power of endurance. He followed blacksmithing more than fifty years, was a great reader, and had a wonderful memory, and because of his wide information, and his familiarity with history and poetry, was sometimes called "the learned blacksmith." He d. in 1880, at the residence of his son Francis, in Lapeer, Mich.

Four of his ten children are yet living, viz.:

- Andrew McElroy, of Marine City, Mich.
- Francis McElroy, of Lapeer, Mich.
- Hon. Crocket McElroy, of St. Clair, Mich.
- Wesley McElroy, of Windsor, Ontario.

CROCKET<sup>4</sup> McELROY, fourth son of Francis, and grandson of David, who came to Paterson, N. J., was b. in Dundas, Can., in 1835. His school studies were pursued at Galt, Ontario, and in Detroit. He was m. at the age of eighteen at Ira, Mich., to Miss Julia Chartier. The lower rounds of the ladder he has been climbing were: grocer's clerk, store keeping, school teaching and justice of the peace. Mercantile, manufacturing and vessel interests gradually opened up to him and have occupied his attention with eminent success and usefulness, at New Baltimore, Marine City and St. Clair to the present time. He has served as mayor of St. Clair, and was for two terms Senator in the Michigan Legislature. He is a man of active mind and wide information, with literary tastes and capabilities of a high order. He wields a facile pen, and is an orator of more than ordinary power.

The children of Crocket and Julia McElroy are twelve in number, as follows:

1. Frank McElroy, of Detroit.
2. Julia McElroy, deceased.
3. Mrs. Mary Lamon, Millington, Mich.
4. Victoria.
5. Andrew.
6. Margaret.
7. David Crocket. St. Clair, Mich.

8. Carrie McElroy. St. Clair, Mich.
9. Worthy, wife of Rev. G. N. Kennedy, Flint, Mich.
10. Mrs. Flora Beck. Detroit, Mich.
11. Mrs. Etta Recor. St. Clair, Mich.
12. Grace McElroy. St. Clair, Mich.

FRANK McELROY, son of Crocket and grandson of Francis, resides in Detroit. He was mayor of Marine City in 1887, and representative in the Michigan Legislature in 1889. In 1893 he was a commissioner attending the Presbyterian General Assembly in Washington City, representing the Presbytery of Detroit.

He m., in 1885, Miss Susie Robertson, daughter of Capt. John Robertson, of Marine City. The Robertsons were related to Robert Edwards, of Wales, of Edwards' estate fame. Three children have been given them:

- Harry R. Now deceased.
- Frances Pauline, aged six.
- John Burnham, aged four.

The above information in regard to the Michigan McElroys comes from Frank McElroy, of Detroit. He writes: "My grandfather often spoke about relatives in this country. He used to say he had some uncles in Albany, N. Y."

We conclude that David, who came to Paterson, N. J., was a brother to James and Samuel, of Albany, and have set forth the genealogy in that way.

## LANCASTER COUNTY (PA.) McELROYS

SHORTLY before the Revolutionary war two young men, brothers, Daniel and James McElroy, came from County Donegal, in North Ireland, not remote from Coleraine, where other McElroys resided, and settled in Lancaster County, Pa., near what is now New Holland. They m. sisters, natives of Glasgow, Scotland, by the name of Wishart. Daniel m. Rebecca, and James m. Sarah Wishart. The name carries us back to the times of John Knox, and recalls Knox's spiritual father, George Wishart, who suffered martyrdom at St. Andrews, March 1, 1546.

The father of these two McElroy wives fought and was wounded in the war of the Revolution, and received a pension from the Government; and their husbands, Daniel and James McElroy, were also Revolutionary soldiers. Both of them lived and d. in Lancaster County, and each had a family of nine children—four sons and five daughters in each.

### CHILDREN OF DANIEL AND REBECCA (WISHART) McELROY.

1. Eliza b. August 19, 1798; d. 1875.
2. Archibald, merchant, Philadelphia. Born April 20, 1800; d. August 27, 1875.
3. Sarah b. July 29, 1802.
4. James b. December 29, 1804; d. January 25, 1888.
5. Martha b. August 29, 1807; d. 1875.
6. Mary A., b. January 29, 1810.
7. Rebecca b. August 17, 1813; m. Benj. F. Hill. A married daughter and two or three sons reside at Prophet's Town, Ill.
8. William J., b. December 11, 1815.
9. George W., b. July 23, 1818.

ARCHIBALD<sup>2</sup> McELROY. Merchant in Philadelphia. Born April 20, 1800; m., October 8, 1828, Sophia Maria Repplier, who was b. 1804, and d. October 27, 1886.

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD AND SOPHIA McELROY.

1. Anna Catharine b. September 18, 1829; d. March 28, 1894.
2. Louisa Rebecca b. December 21, 1831; m. William M. Beckley, M. D., now deceased. They have three children: William, George and Annie M.
3. Charles Repplier b. August 4, 1833; d. June, 1850.
4. Ellen Eliza b. February 8, 1835.
5. Thomas Elmo b. October 21, 1836; d. February 6, 1874.
6. Daniel Repplier b. November 30, 1838; d. June 23, 1866.
7. John George Repplier b. June 30, 1842; d. November 26, 1890.
8. Joseph Repplier b. December 9, 1844.

JAMES<sup>2</sup> McELROY (Daniel<sup>1</sup>) b. December 29, 1804; d. January 25, 1888, at Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa.; m., June 5, 1837, Rebecca Keith, who was b. October 14, 1818.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND REBECCA McELROY.

1. Mary Jane b. April 22, 1838; m., September 29, 1872, B. S. Rumberger, who is at the present time (1900) sheriff of Huntingdon County, residing at Huntingdon, Pa. They have two sons:

James McElroy b. August 9, 1873.

Walter Wray b. April 13, 1876.

2. Mattie Elizabeth b. Huntingdon County, Pa., October 8, 1839; m., Vinton, Iowa, March 3, 1859, by Rev. James Kirk, Abraham A. Gerberich, who was b. February 25, 1834, in Lebanon County, Pa. She d. November 25, 1896. He d. August 7, 1879. Their children:

(1) Ella H. b. March 18, 1861; d. May 10, 1879.





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- (2) Jennie E. b. April 3, 1864; d. April 19, 1864.
  - (3) William C. b. December 8, 1865; m., May 9, 1899, Blanche Brooks, Cedar Rapids.
  - (4) Anna Louisa b. July 6, 1867; m. May 9, 1893, William F. Bacon; d. November 4, 1896.
  - (5) Charles E. b. April 21, 1870; m., June 14, 1899, Amy E. Sawyer.
  - (6) Frank L. b. October 27, 1871; m., October 5, 1898, Harriet L. Butterfield.  
Marion G. Bacon, grandchild, b. September 12, 1896.
3. Hays Hamilton b. April 13, 1841; m. Sarah Maria Redfield, October 13, 1864, who was b. March 26, 1864. He is a hardware merchant at Vinton, Iowa. They have two children:
    - (1) Winnifred Price b. March 30, 1866; m., May 23, 1888, David Charles Main, a banker. Wayne, Neb.
    - (2) George Dexter b. July 1, 1868. Assistant Cashier Farmers' National Bank, Vinton, Iowa.
  4. Rebecca Wishart b. May 12, 1843; d. April 2, 1844.
  5. Susan Alice b. January 20, 1845; m. J. A. Newling, December 26, 1867; d. December 19, 1869.
  6. Anna Rebecca b. May 27, 1847; m., December 12, 1867, J. J. Shirk, of Tyrone, Pa.; d. March 12, 1876, leaving five children: Anna, Minnie, Ella and Maimie, who are single, and Grace, wife of John W. Cox, and mother of Hazel, Ruth and Ethel.
  7. James Stevens b. July 7, 1849; d. April 13, 1885.
  8. Cassandra Gibson b. November 22, 1851.
  9. George Scott b. November 25, 1853.
  10. Ellen Keith b. December 25, 1855; m. George W. Eichelberger, April 17, 1878. He d. September, 1882, leaving two sons: James Cloyd b. November, 1879, and Marion b. September, 1881.
  11. William Watkins Hicks b. July 11, 1858. Is deputy sheriff Huntingdon County, Pa. Married Anna Mary

Ayres, June 21, 1886. Three children d. in infancy;  
two survive:

Winifred Wray b. October 11, 1877.

Rebecca Irvin b. September 3, 1894.

GEORGE W. McELROY<sup>2</sup> (Daniel<sup>1</sup>) b. July 23, 1818; m. 1st, ———; 2d, ———; d. November 1, 1887. A lawyer at York, Pa. Mayor, district attorney, soldier, three years in Union army. His children:

1. Horace b. 1853. Graduate United States Naval Academy. Attorney, Janesville, Wis.
2. Robert J. F. Lawyer, now in United States Land office, Washington, D. C.
3. George A. York, Pa. Telephone Company.
4. Sarah E. York, Pa. Cashier.
5. Samuel S., printer, and Grace E., teacher. York, Pa.
6. John B. United States Hospital Corps, at Zamboango, P. I.
7. Daniel W. Stenographer, S. P. R. R. Co. Los Angeles, Cal.

JOHN<sup>3</sup> GEORGE REPPLIER McELROY (Archibald,<sup>2</sup> Daniel<sup>1</sup>) b. June 30, 1842; d. November 26, 1890; m., November 2, 1869, in Philadelphia, Anna Baldwin Clayton, who was b. November 2, 1847; d. August 31, 1897.

John G. R. McElroy graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1862, and received the degree of A. M. later from the same institution. He taught in the City of Chicago for a time and in 1867 became Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and History in his Alma Mater. Two years later he became Assistant Professor in Greek and History. After seven years' service he was promoted to the Professorship of Greek and the English language, which position he retained until his death in 1890. He was a very genial man and a popular and successful teacher. He was author of "The Structure of English Prose," and of numerous articles in philological journals.

CHILDREN OF PROF. JOHN G. R. AND ANNA McELROY.

1. Clayton<sup>4</sup> McElroy b. September 4, 1872; m., November 10, 1896, Margaret Jolliffe Crenshaw, who was b. July 6, 1874. Their son, Clayton<sup>5</sup> McElroy, jr., was b. January 28, 1898.
2. Katharine<sup>4</sup> Allgaire m. November 26, 1899, Seth B. Capp.

JOSEPH REPLIER<sup>3</sup> McELROY (Archibald,<sup>2</sup> Daniel<sup>1</sup>) b. December 9, 1844; m. Annie Burkhart Sellers, who was b. January 28, 1848. Their children:

1. Archibald b. December 30, 1878; d. June 16, 1879.
2. Rebecca Bird McElroy b. January 16, 1883.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND SARAH (WISHART) McELROY,  
of Lancaster County, Pa.

1. Samuel d. at Mifflin, Pa., leaving two children.
2. James d. young in 1823.
3. David d. at or near Pittsburgh, leaving a large family.
4. Thomas m. and went west. Lived in Ohio, then in Iowa, and d. near Lincoln, Neb.
5. Jane d. single.
6. Martha m., resided and d. in Lancaster County.
7. Margaret m., resided and d. in Lancaster County.
8. Sarah m., resided and d. in Lancaster County.
9. Elizabeth b. January 25, 1819. Joined the Mormon Church when twenty years old in 1839, entered the Mormon community at Nauvoo, Ill., in 1845; was with them in their long journey across the State of Iowa, and across the plains to Salt Lake, where she has resided ever since. On that journey she was m., in 1848, near the Missouri River, to Jacob Weiler, known in later years as Bishop Weiler, who d. in March, 1896, at the age of eighty-eight. Mrs. Weiler is the last survivor among the eighteen children of the two McElroy

families in Lancaster County. For a woman in her seventy-eighth year she writes a remarkably clear and satisfactory letter. She has the distinction of being, so far as we know, the only one of Covenanter lineage and McElroy name who carries the name Mormon. How many sister widows share her grief over the loss of their one husband we do not know.

## DELAWARE STATE McELROYS

### JAMES AND HUGH.

SHORTLY after the close of the Revolutionary war, probably in 1784, James McElroy and two sisters—all unmarried—came to America from the Parish of Bally-na-hinch, in County Down, Ireland. They had no brothers, and their parents had recently died. With them came, from the same place, a cousin, Hugh McElroy.

Arriving at Philadelphia, they turned their faces southward and settled in Delaware.

They remained there some eight years and m. there. James m. Nancy A. Smith, while Hugh m. one of his McElroy cousins.

Soon after 1790 they removed westward and settled in Washington County, Pa., about ten miles from the town of Washington. Their post office is believed to have been Shelby. Both of them continued there for some years and had families. Of the history of Hugh and family our information is very meager. One of his sons we are told settled some place in Northern Ohio, and another located, many years since, in Philadelphia.

JAMES McELROY had six sons. The eldest, William, was b. in Pennsylvania in 1793. The other sons were: Glasby, Henry, James, John and Alexander.

The family removed in 1816 to Morgan County, Ohio, where the father d. some years later.

William and family removed to the State of Indiana in 1837, where he d. in 1872, aged seventy-nine. A son of his, J. S. McElroy, b. in 1834, is an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Missouri Valley, Iowa, having moved to Iowa in 1855.

REV. JAMES C. McELROY.

John, son of James McElroy, resided in Morgan County, Ohio, and was the father of five sons, viz.: James C., William, Stephen C., Calvin G. and John L.

JAMES C. McELROY, eldest son of John, and grandson of James, was b. in Morgan County, Ohio, October 18, 1831. Studied at Hanover College, Indiana, and at the Western Theological Seminary. Was a soldier, first lieutenant in the Thirteenth Kansas Infantry, from July, 1862, to the close of the war.

He was ordained by the Presbytery of Fairfield, at Summit, Iowa, in 1868, and has been a diligent and faithful home missionary in Iowa and Kansas to the present time. His first wife was a Miss Paxton, daughter of Rev. J. D. Paxton, D. D., of Beyrout, Syria. His present wife was Miss Eunice E. Greer, of Murrysville, Pa. They reside in Topeka, Kan. They have one child, Miss Abigail C. McElroy, a graduate of Oswego Female College, and now engaged in teaching.

#### BRADDOCK (PA.) McELROYS

WILLIAM McELROY of Braddock, Pa., is a son of John McElroy, of Tempo, Fermanagh County, Ireland. He lived at Lisburn, County Down, two years, and in Belfast four years. In 1891 he m. Miss Sarah McElroy, whose father resided at Omagh, County Tyrone. Her brothers, John and William, and sisters, Lizzie and Anna, live at Braddock. Two married sisters, Mrs. Mary Dodds and Mrs. Jane Dodds, reside in Allegany, Pa.



REV. JAMES C. McELROY<sup>2</sup>

John<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>





## LIGONIER (PA.) McELROYS

ABOUT the year 1787 James McElroy, from County Down, came to Philadelphia, and subsequently located in Chester County, Pa. He had been preceded a year or two or three by a brother from County Down whom he greatly desired to find. His descendants, a hundred years later, tell us their grandfather inquired and hunted for that brother far and near and never found him. It was probably for that reason that he located where he did, some miles west from Philadelphia, and on the main route traveled by Scotch-Irish immigrants who journeyed toward the frontier.

It is highly probable that the lost brother was the Hugh already spoken of settling in the State of Delaware. There were no telegraphs, no daily papers, no daily mails, no cables and no kind of steam transportation in those days. Hugh might almost as well have been in Algiers as in Delaware, so far as James's finding him was concerned.

James m. Betsy Douglass and three children were given them while in Chester County. The Delaware sojourners concluded to go to the far west, and with wives and babies and pack-horses and a milch cow or two, struck out for Washington County, Pa., passing some distance south of Lancaster on their way west. Not long after this James and wife concluded to go to the further west. They had two stout horses. On one of these the wife was mounted, carrying with her the cooking utensils and some supplies and the baby. On the other horse bedding and things were securely girthed, and on top a bed tick, open above, filled in part with clothes and other movables, and then two of the children; the head of one, seven years old, bobbing up on the south side, and the head of another, five years old, peering out on the north side. The father, wearing hunting shirt and belt, with bridle rein in hand and gun on his shoulder, walked along side. Thus they

journeyed some 200 miles, along bridle paths, across valleys and streams, camping at night, and moving forward in the morning. At length their long journey ended in Ligonier Valley, some fifty miles east of Pittsburgh, where they and their descendants found home and happiness for many years. The sojourners from Delaware made their way to Washington County, locating some thirty miles south of Pittsburgh. And there the two brothers—if our facts and inferences be correct—spent the remainder of their lives, not more than seventy-five miles apart, each wondering, and longing to know *what had become of his brother*.

James and Betsy McElroy had four children :

1. Joseph Alexander, who m. Jane Parks. They had one child. He lost his life in a sudden and tragic manner. Was carrying a grain-cradle on horse back. The horse took fright and threw him, with fatal result.
2. John Douglass m. Sarah Menoher, and lived and died on the old homestead. He raised a large family and lived to the age of ninety-two years.
3. Mary m. Robert Halferty and had large family.
4. James b. in Ligonier Valley, in 1799; m. Ruth Nesbit, and removed to Northern Ohio in 1835. These McElroy friends have been identified all along with the United Presbyterian—originally Associate or Seceder—Church. The late Rev. Joseph Scroggs, D. D., was for many years their pastor.

The children of James and Ruth McElroy in Ohio were eight in number. Two sons d. young. Four sons and two daughters are living in 1900, viz. :

Alexander McElroy. Bedford, Ohio.

David McElroy. Twinsburg, Ohio.

Samuel McElroy. Madison, Ohio.

James McElroy. Cleveland, Ohio. 85 Ledyard Street.

Mrs. P. A. Simmons. Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Mary Laburty. Prescott, Ariz.

FRANK McELROY (James,<sup>4</sup> James,<sup>3</sup> James,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>). Resides in Cleveland. 1349 Harvard Street.

Of the descendants of John Douglass McElroy we have only a partial account. His son, Squire James McElroy, quite advanced in years, occupies the old home at West Fairfield, Pa. Of his children, we have the names of three:

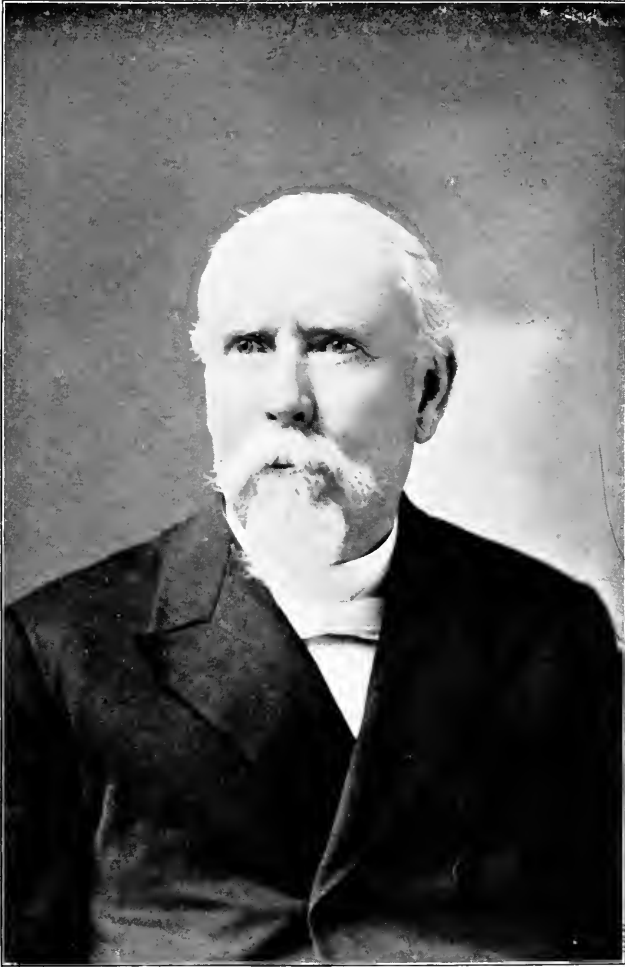
1. William Barr McElroy resided at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Died October 4, 1889. Leaving a large family.
2. James McElroy. West Fairfield.
3. Mrs. Fannie Wood. New Florence, Pa.

WILLIAM BARR McELROY m., February 20, 1866, Miss Jennie Graham Lytle.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BARR AND JENNIE (LYTLE) McELROY.

1. Hugh Lytle m., June, 1896, Anna Benedict. Resides Youngstown, Ohio.
2. James Ira.
3. Edward Halferty m. Agnes Mary Shea. They have three children.
4. Harry Arthur.
5. William Barr m., February 20, 1900, Maggie Shea.
6. John Francis. Editor of *Progressive Farmer*. Quincy, Ill.
7. Ralph Graham.
8. Susan Mary.





REV. W. N. McELROY, D. D.



## DESCENDANTS OF ADAM

AMONG the McElroys there are certain names that occur very frequently, John, James and William. Then there are names that are unusual. Solomon and Crocket belong to this class. Now we meet with Adam. We cannot call it a new name, nor deny that it is a good name, nor question its claim to respect and veneration.

ADAM<sup>1</sup> MCELROY lived in County Down, where he married and had a family. His wife's name was probably not Eve. He came to America between 1760 and 1770, and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania, probably near Easton. From "Pennsylvania Archives" we learn that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His son John<sup>2</sup> enlisted, although under age, in Washington's army as a musician, filling the position of fife-major.

Alexander,<sup>2</sup> son of Adam, came to America some years later, about 1780. His wife was Mary Donaldson and their home was in Huntingdon County, Pa. At least two of their children were b. in Ireland, John<sup>3</sup> and Adam.<sup>3</sup> Their son Robert<sup>3</sup> was b. in Pennsylvania in 1784. Their four daughters were Mary,<sup>3</sup> wife of Robert Taylor; Rachel,<sup>3</sup> wife of William Marshall, who lived near Cleveland, Ohio; Margaret,<sup>3</sup> wife of John Simpson, and uncle to Bishop Matthew Simpson, and Mary,<sup>3</sup> wife of John Daugherty.

Adam McElroy,<sup>3</sup> jr., had one son, and a daughter, Rachel,<sup>4</sup> who m. Thomas Hughes.

John,<sup>3</sup> son of Alexander, and grandson of Adam, sr., had two sons, James<sup>4</sup> and John,<sup>4</sup> and several daughters. They are supposed to be residing in Oregon and California.

Robert,<sup>3</sup> son of Alexander, and grandson of Adam, lived in Harrison County, Ohio, near Cadiz, and had ten children. Three

of the daughters are now deceased, Mary J.,<sup>4</sup> wife of Robert Anderson; Lucretia<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth.<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Rachel Crowner,<sup>4</sup> of Holyoke, Colo., and Mrs. Margaret Moore,<sup>4</sup> of Moulton, Iowa. Two sons are deceased, John Alexander,<sup>4</sup> who d. in infancy, and Joseph W.,<sup>4</sup> of Rosamond, Ill., whose only son, William H.<sup>5</sup> McElroy, lives at Galva, Ill.

The three living sons are Robert Hamilton<sup>4</sup> McElroy, of Hollister, California; John A.<sup>4</sup> McElroy, of South Pullman, Chicago, and Rev. W. N.<sup>4</sup> McElroy, D. D., of Springfield, Ill.

Passing to the fifth generation, William N.<sup>5</sup> McElroy, jr., son of Robert Hamilton, is at Gilroy, Cal. Francis<sup>5</sup> and Ray<sup>5</sup> McElroy, sons of John A., are in Chicago; and Charles G.<sup>5</sup> McElroy, of Peoria, and Robert Walter,<sup>5</sup> of Springfield, are sons of Rev. Dr. W. N. McElroy.

REV. W. N. McELROY, D. D., was b. near Cadiz, Ohio, in 1832. Came to Griggsville, Ill., in 1840, and was educated in the public and high school of that town. After spending some time in teaching, he entered, at the age of twenty-eight, in 1860, upon the work of the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His charges have been Naples, Havana, Shelbyville, Bloomington First, Champaign, Danville First, Decatur First, Grace Church, Jacksonville, and First Church, of Springfield. He has been presiding elder in the various districts of his conference sixteen years, and was for a time Acting President of Illinois Wesleyan University, from which he received the degree of D. D.. He has been six times a member of the General Conference. He was also a member of the First Ecumenical Conference, held in London, Eng., in 1881. He has been a contributor to the various church papers—*Advocate* and *The Quarterly Review*—for thirty years past, and is now editor of *The Illinois Methodist Journal*. At the age of sixty-eight he enjoys vigorous health, is full of work, and seems to know nothing of any "dead line" beyond which he may not go. He is proud of his Scotch-Irish ancestry, and thinks that next to being "born again" is to be well-born.



Recurring to John McElroy, fife-major in Washington's army: After the war closed he m. a Miss Baughman, of Easton, Pa., struck out for the "Far West," and settled at Warrenton, Belmont County, Ohio. He made the first survey of Government lands in Eastern Ohio. He had several sons and daughters. His descendants are now widely scattered, and of them we have no definite knowledge.





JOHN MCELROY

Son of Adam McElroy — Fife Major in Washington's Army



## MEADVILLE (PA.) McELROYS

CAPT. JOSEPH C. McELROY.

SAMUEL McELROY b. in Scotland about 1743, came to America and settled in Baltimore in 1784. He removed to Meadville in 1800, where he d. in 1829, at the age of eighty-five. From what place he migrated in Scotland we are not informed.

His son, John McElroy, was b. in 1784; m., in 1812, and d. in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1869, aged eighty-five. He had four sons and four daughters.

His son, grandson of Samuel, Hon. Joseph C. McElroy, was b. in Meigs County, Ohio, in 1831. He has led a very active life, and is very widely and favorably known. A steamboat man, a California miner, a soldier, being captain in the Eighteenth Ohio Infantry during the civil war. After the war he was sheriff of his county, and member of the Ohio Legislature.

He resides at Pumroy, Ohio, and has been engaged in manufacturing and coal mining.

He has four children and six grandchildren.

He and family are connected with the Methodist Church. His son, Rev. B. L. McElroy, D. D., is a methodist minister, lately transferred from Ann Arbor, Mich., to Columbus, Ohio. Captain McElroy has been on duty for two or three years past in Washington City. In the Fifty-fifth Congress he was doorkeeper to the House of Representatives, and in the present Congress has the position of postmaster.



## VIRGINIA McELROYS

WILLIAM McELROY b. in North Ireland in 1798, came to America in 1819, when twenty-one years of age. He settled in Leesburg, residing there some twenty years, then removing to Charleston, W. Va. At a later time he removed to Cumberland County, Pa., and then to Fayetteville, Franklin County, where he resided from 1842 to 1876.

At Leesburg he m. Elizabeth Beatty. They had six children :

Mary Ellen (Byers).  
John William McElroy.  
Robert Fulton McElroy.  
Josiah Beatty McElroy.  
Ann Elizabeth.  
Jane.

ROBERT FULTON McELROY, son of William, was b. at Leesburg, Va., November 12, 1828. He m., in 1853, Agnes Jane Renfrew, and in 1866, Miss M. E. Black. He resides at Steelton, near Harrisburg, Pa., where he is a member and elder in the Presbyterian Church. His children are :

John Renfrew McElroy. Fayetteville, Pa.  
Josiah Beatty McElroy. Philadelphia.  
Frank Thompson McElroy. Steelton.

JAMES McELROY, who came from North Ireland before 1787, was among the early settlers of Huntingdon County, Pa., residing in what is called Stone Valley. His son, John McElroy, was b. in 1788. His grandson, Jackson McElroy, was residing in 1896, in the town of Huntingdon, Pa. An uncle to Jackson McElroy used to reside in Baltimore, but is now deceased.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, Daniel McElroy, from North Ireland, migrated to Virginia, settling according to tradition, in Berkley or Loudoun County. His son Daniel came to Ohio probably in 1803 or '4, from Petersburg, Va., settling in Green County, near Cedarville. He had three sons:

1. Archibald b. about 1820. Resides, in advanced years, at Cedarville.
2. John J. McElroy b. Green County, Ohio, October 14, 1827. A physician, residing at Rossville, Ill. Was surgeon of the 125th Illinois Infantry during civil war. His only daughter, Netta M., b. November 1, 1861, is the wife of Rev. A. G. Bergen, Cumberland Presbyterian minister at Mattoon, Ill. His only son, John Howard, m. Miss Cora M. Allen, August 31, 1899, and is an attorney in Chicago.
3. Melancthon McElroy. Blairstown, Iowa.
4. Alexander b. 1837; came to Paxton, Ill., 1857; m., 1865, Mary Hanley, who d. 1898. He resides at Paxton. County Judge of Ford County. Has two children:
  - (1) Mrs. Margaret M. Westbrook, of Paxton.
  - (2) John H. McElroy. A resident of Chicago.





ROBERT FULTON McELROY



## MONROEVILLE (PA.) McELROYS

WILLIAM McELROY, from North Ireland, settled near Monroeville, Allegheny County, Pa., some fifteen miles east of Pittsburgh, at an early date, which we are unable to give. His sons were: John, Thomas, Robert and James. He had also three daughters.

Thomas (son of William) had four sons: Thomas, Johnson, John and William. A son of this William, grandson of Thomas, m. Miss Isabella Patterson, of Beulah, Westmoreland County, Pa. His name is John H. McElroy. He resides in Oil City, and is an elder in the Presbyterian church.

Robert G. McElroy, son of Robert, and grandson of the original William, was b. August 2, 1832. He m. Miss Elizabeth Donald, who was b. January 27, 1832. Their marriage occurred March 30, 1854. They have thirteen children, as follows:

Mrs. Phebe M. Loughridge.

Mrs. Lila C. Gill.

William Cunningham McElroy.

Mrs. Nancy K. Warner.

James Donald McElroy.

Robert Dunlap McElroy.

John Cote McElroy.

Thomas McMaster McElroy.

Joseph Collins McElroy.

Mrs. Sarah G. McFarland.

Charles Fetterman McElroy.

Orlando Metcalf McElroy.

Mrs. Mary J. Cameron.

In this fruitful family there are—in A. D. 1899—an army of twenty-seven grandchildren.



## BEAVER COUNTY (PA.) McELROYS

ABOUT the year 1800 Matthew McElroy came from North Ireland and settled in Beaver County, Pa. He removed in later years to Scotland, Ind., and d. there. He had three sons :

Alexander b. in 1812.

Joseph, of Holmes County, Ohio.

John, who settled at Pleasantville, Iowa, and who d. at Indianola, Iowa.

Alexander (son of Matthew) had two sons, viz. :

Matthew (2d) b. in Holmes County, Ohio, in 1837, and who resides at Percival, Fremont County, Iowa.

James A. McElroy. He settled in the Northwest corner of Missouri. Went to California in 1849, and d. in 1893. He left two sons and two daughters. The older son Gilbert A. McElroy was, in 1896, a student in the State University at Iowa City.

### A NEW YORK PHYSICIAN.

Dr. S. H. McElroy has been for some years a practitioner in New York City. His ancestors were among the early settlers at Scotland, Franklin County, Pa. The details of their family history we have been unable to secure.

### ROBERT McELROY, OF PHILADELPHIA

was b. near Coleraine, at a place called Flower Hill, in the County of Londonderry, Ireland, about the year 1800. His father, whose Christian name we have not, d. when Robert was quite young, leaving a daughter Mary and a son Daniel, and perhaps others. Robert came to Philadelphia about 1820. He m. a Miss Clements, a native of Newton Savilla, in County Tyrone, Ireland.

The ancestors of both Robert and wife came from Scotland at the time of the persecutions.

A nephew of Robert, John McElroy, still resides at Flower Hill. Two nephews came to Philadelphia about 1850, one of them, Robert McElroy, settling in Baltimore. The other, James McElroy, went to Australia, where, it is reported, he was successful and rose to prominence.

Robert McElroy d. in Philadelphia about the year 1860, his widow surviving him three years. They had three children, one of whom d. in infancy. Their only son, William J. McElroy, lived all his days in Philadelphia. He was a lawyer widely known and esteemed. Dr. R. M. Patterson speaks of him as "a lawyer of capital standing in Philadelphia." He was a member and ruling elder in the Tenth Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. H. A. Boardman, D. D., was pastor. His sudden and deplorable death occurred October 4, 1877, in a railroad disaster near Milford, N. J., occasioned by the breaking of a culvert on the Pennsylvania Railroad in the midst of a storm.

He left a wife and five children, two of whom have since died. The oldest, William, has been for some years in Portland, Ore.

The widow, with her two daughters, Jennie and Bessie, occupies their old home in Philadelphia.

As a testimony of the high standing of Mr. McElroy, we insert the following, written by his pastor, the late Dr. Boardman:

"A disciple of Jesus, from his childhood his whole life bore testimony to the vigor of his faith, the fervor of his love, the purity of his motives, and the unselfishness of his aims. It was his high distinction to maintain, amidst the conflicts of a laborious profession and in every sphere of life, a spotless reputation for truthfulness, integrity, honorable dealing and unostentatious benevolence, the beautiful and harmonious outgrowth of deep-seated and all-pervading Christian principle. The Bar is left to mourn one of its bright ornaments, and the Church, one of its most faithful, useful and beloved members."

ISABELLA McELROY, only daughter of Robert, was m. in Philadelphia, October 8, 1856, Rev. J. B. Dales, D. D., officiating, to Rev. George Patton, an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister. For fifteen years he was pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, at Seneca, N. Y. In 1871 he accepted a call to the Third Presbyterian Church, of Rochester, of which he was pastor until his death in 1897, in his sixty-ninth year. Mrs. Patton continues to reside in Rochester with her two daughters and a son and two grandchildren.





## A PITTSBURGH FAMILY

WILLIAM MCELROY, from County Fermanagh, Ireland, came to Philadelphia in 1824. His father, Dennis McElroy, was a scholarly man, a professor in some institution of learning in the old country. He had five or six sons. From Philadelphia, William came west and settled at Beallville, Washington County, Pa. His son, William McElroy, jr., d. in Pittsburgh, leaving a widow, Mrs. Jane McElroy. Their son, John M. McElroy, is a clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, residing in Edgewood.

### HON. JOHN SCOTT, OF PHILADELPHIA.

Some years since a Female College was established at Decatur, Georgia, through the liberality of Col. George Scott, of that place, and called "The Agnes Scott Institute," in memory of the founder's mother. At its dedication, Hon. John Scott, a brother to the Colonel, delivered an address in which he referred to his mother's ancestry as including some who bore the name McElroy, and some who were among the heroic defenders in the siege of Londonderry in 1689.

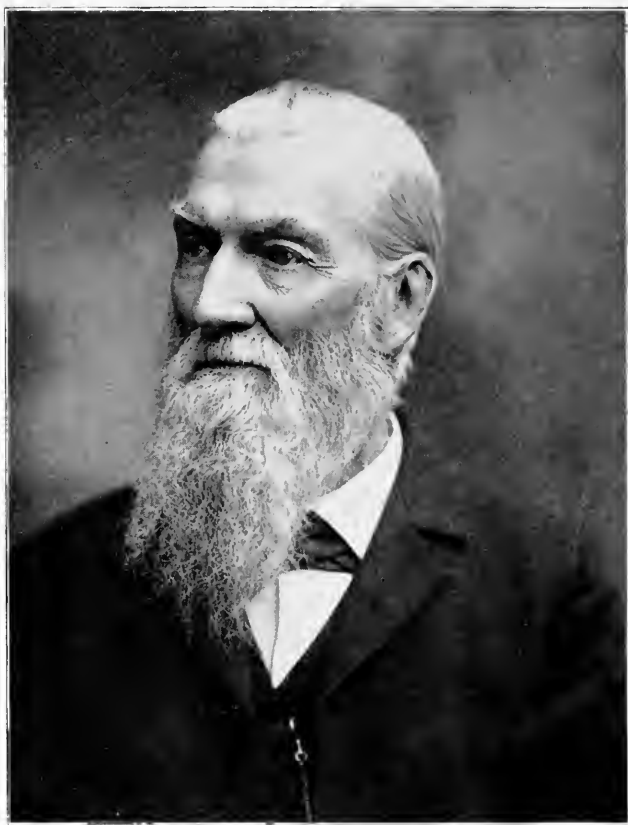
In reply to a letter addressed to him at Philadelphia, Mr. Scott gave us some particulars which are deemed worthy of insertion here.

"Upon referring to some notes I made in the year 1848 of information given me by my mother and grandmother, both of whom were then living, I find as follows: My grandmother, Mary Stitt, was m. June 22, 1793, to William Irvine. She spoke of there having been a John McElroy among her maternal ancestors in Scotland before their emigration to Ulster, without giving date, however. She gave the names of John McElroy and Jane McElroy as her maternal grandfather and grandmother in Ulster. Their residences were all in County Down, Ireland, and my

grandmother resided at or near to the town of Kilkeel, in that county."

Mr. Scott has since passed to the other shore. He was a distinguished citizen, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and at one time United States Senator from Pennsylvania.





REV. GEORGE B. McELROY, D. D.

## SLIGO McELROYS

SAMUEL McELROY, b. and brought up in Sligo, Ireland, came to America and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1821. He was b. in 1788. His mother was Cecelia Knott. Mr. McElroy came to the United States through Canada. He was a nail maker, and worked at that trade for some years in Pittsburgh, and then learned the trade of cut nail making by machinery. He afterward built and operated the first machine for making spikes in the City of Pittsburgh.

He was a man who had the courage of his convictions, and became prominent all over Western Pennsylvania for his pronounced views on the anti-slavery question and his close connection with the "Underground Railroad."

He d. in 1868, at the age of eighty years.

The maiden name of his wife was Ann Beamish. Their eldest son,

REV. GEORGE B. McELROY, D. D.

of Adrian, Mich., was b. in 1824, became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at the age of sixteen, and was licensed as a preacher on his eighteenth birthday. For the next ten years he filled various appointments in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

July 22, 1851, he m. Mary Good, of Johnstown, Pa.

In 1852 he became principal of the Preparatory Department of Madison College, at Uniontown, Pa., the beginning of a career of activity and distinguished success in the line of higher education. In 1857 he removed to Henry, Ill., and took charge of the North Illinois Institute, continuing in that work and in public school work for seven years. From 1864 to 1866 he was principal of Alleghany Seminary at Sharpsburg, Pa.

In 1866 he accepted a call to become Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Adrian College, Michigan, where he has con-

tinued to the present time. He has been active in the work of instruction, and as a member and officer in the Board of Trustees. For seven years, from 1873 to 1880, he was President of the College, and later was made Professor of Systematic Theology. In 1881 he was a delegate from the Methodist Protestant Church to the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, in the City of London, and presented an essay which was printed in their proceedings.

Mr. McElroy has his full share of academic honors: B. A. and M. A., from Madison College; Ph. D. from Western Maryland College, and D. D. from Waynesburg College. His life has been one of good influence, indomitable energy and high achievement.

JOHN H. McELROY, of Pittsburgh, the second son of Samuel and Ann, was b. January 12, 1828. He is a self-made man and his life has been one of good influence and marked success. He attended the public schools in his early boyhood, but before reaching his teens had been registered as a learner in the practical school of iron work, machinery and business. In later years he attended night schools. He visited the eastern cities and in their machine shops learned lessons that were of value to him as machinist and engineer. He assisted in building the first carding machines that were used in Pennsylvania. He was foreman of the Fort Pitt Foundry Company, and at a later time foreman for a large iron works, resigning in 1879, to take charge as chief engineer of the Pittsburgh Fire Department.

For a number of years past he has been identified with the Pittsburgh Gas Company, as secretary and consulting engineer.

In 1856 Mr. McElroy m. Miss Jane Macklin, of Pittsburgh. They have five sons:

William M. A lawyer in Pittsburgh.

Samuel M. Cashier of the Citizens' National Bank.

Orlando M. Connected with the Philadelphia and Consolidated Gas Companies.

Harmon N., who resides in the City of Mexico, auditor of the International Railway.

John H. McElroy, jr., who is with the Shoen Pressed Steel Car Works.

The third and youngest son of Samuel and Ann was :

HON. SAMUEL MCELROY, who was b. in 1834, and who d. in 1888, at the age of fifty-four. He was a man of recognized ability and of great popularity. He represented Alleghany County four years in the Pennsylvania legislature.







JOHN H. McELROY



## DELAWARE (OHIO) McELROYS

BETWEEN 1825 and 1830 Rev. James McElroy, D. D., a Protestant Episcopal clergyman, came to America from Ireland, accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Burrowes. He was of strictly Irish descent and could trace his line back full 400 years through McElroys and McGuires. During those four centuries the McElroys were known as soldiers and fighters, taking an active part in almost all the conflicts of the times. They were involved in the Irish Rebellion of 1642, losing their estates in County Fermanagh, and some of them probably also losing their heads.

Dr. McElroy was b. in Spiter Island, County Cork, in the extreme south of Ireland. His father, Charles McElroy, was a major in the British army. He d. in 1846, being ninety-six years of age. Two brothers of the doctor were also in the public service; Francis in the navy, and another brother a major in the army, on duty in Jamaica.

Dr. McElroy was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. Upon coming to this country he accepted a professorship in Kenyon College, at Gambier, Ohio, which he held for a number of years. He was subsequently on duty at Delaware, Ohio, for twelve years. He then removed to California, where he d. at Oakland, in 1880, at the age of eighty years. He left two daughters residing at Oakland. His two sons were prominent as soldiers and as citizens.

COL. JAMES NEWTON McELROY was a cadet for two years at West Point. In the civil war he was major and lieutenant-colonel, Twentieth Ohio Infantry; lieutenant-colonel, Sixtieth Ohio; major and judge advocate of volunteers. After the war, was appointed to positions in United States army: lieutenant, captain,

major and lieutenant-colonel. Was honorably discharged at his own request in August, 1870. He d. in December, 1870.

HON. CHARLES H. McELROY b. 1830. Was captain in Twentieth Ohio Infantry and promoted major Ninety-sixth Ohio. He has been in law practice at Delaware, Ohio, and judge of the Court of Common Pleas. His wife d. several years since. His son Frank is m. and resides in Indianapolis.

JOHN McELROY, OF WASHINGTON CITY.

About the year 1820, Patrick McElroy, with his wife Bridget, came from Belfast, North Ireland, and settled in Pennsylvania. Some years later he removed west to Coshocton County, Ohio. He was a stone cutter and was employed on public works through that region. He was a strict Presbyterian, and a man of gigantic build and strength. Tradition says he had no ribs, but a solid plate of bone instead, and double teeth in front. His wife was a very expert lacemaker. John, the younger of their two sons, d. young.

ROBERT ADAMS McELROY, son of Patrick, m. Mary Henderson, and moved to Greenup County, Kentucky, where he d. about the year 1857.

John McElroy, son of Robert, was b. in Kentucky in 1843. After the death of his father, and while yet a boy, he went to St. Louis and became a devil-boy in a printing office. He learned to set type and also to write shorthand.

He was with the Union troops in the earlier operations around St. Louis.

Afterward he went to Chicago, where he enlisted in Company C., McClernard Body Guard, which subsequently became part of the Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry, and served with the Army of the Tennessee until after the fall of Vicksburg. Then his regiment was transferred to the Army of the Ohio, under Burnside.

On the third day of January, 1864, the battalion to which he

belonged, being on a raid up Powell's Valley into Virginia, and about forty miles from Cumberland Gap, where were the nearest United States troops, they were surrounded, at Jonesville, by Gen. William E. Jones's rebel brigade, and after a stubborn resistance lasting all day, were compelled to surrender. The prisoners were taken to Richmond, later to Andersonville, and before the war closed John McElroy had been in the prisons successively at Savannah, Millen and Blackshear, Ga., and at Charleston and Florence, S. C.

The Illinois battalion went into the fight at Jonesville, Va., with about 325 men and lost about sixty-five killed and severely wounded before they surrendered. Of the remaining 260, the Official Report shows 157 who were known to have died. The company of which McElroy was a member almost disappeared, not over thirteen or fourteen known to have come out alive.

John McElroy's prison life occupied a term of fifteen months, or until the close of the war in April, 1865. Of this, about nine months were at Andersonville.

After the war he went to Chicago and reëntered a printing office. He furbished up his shorthand and became a reporter, helping to start the *Inter-Ocean*. Leaving Chicago, he went to Toledo, Ohio, to accept the position of city editor of the *Toledo Blade*. He was managing editor of the *Blade* ten years, when he left, in 1884, to accept the editorship of the *National Tribune* at Washington City, which position he still holds. He is one of the three owners of the paper, the style of the firm being "McElroy, Shoppell & Andrews."

While at Toledo he published an octavo volume of 650 pages entitled "Andersonville: a story of southern prisons." The work has had an immense sale, and now, twenty years after its publication, is still in demand. He has also published several other books, stories, etc. His pen is facile and prolific, and his interested readers are numbered by the ten thousand.

Mr. McElroy may be justly characterized as printer, soldier, journalist and author.

He served as Commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., in 1896.

He m. Miss Elsie, daughter of Dr. C. T. Pomeroy, of Ottawa, Ohio. Their two living children are:

Karl P. McElroy, an examiner in the Patent Office.

Elsie Pomeroy, wife of H. D. Slater, editor and proprietor of the El Paso, Texas, *Daily Herald*.

## NORTH CAROLINA McELROYS

It is probable that McElroys were among the earliest settlers in North Carolina. There are several connections of the name—unrelated so far as we know—in different parts of the state. Yet they are all, beyond doubt, of Scotch-Irish stock. There is a Samuel J. McElroy, at Hopewell, Mecklenburg County, and a W. E. McElroy at Charlotte. We learn of a Col. Hugh McElroy, in Transylvania County, in addition to Col. John S. McElroy, of Madison County, mentioned elsewhere as related to the Kentucky McElroys. A letter came recently to hand from

### DAVID McELROY, OF WAYNESVILLE, N. C.

His grandfather, Henry McElroy, lived in Lincoln County. He had a son, David McElroy, who removed to the State of Indiana some sixty years ago. He had a large family, and was reported later as about moving to California. Another son of Henry settled in Georgia. The father of our correspondent, James McElroy, lived in Haywood County. He had ten children, eight sons and two daughters. Four of the sons are yet living, Abraham, William, Johnson and David. Their father d. about 1870. David McElroy was b. April 15, 1830. He was m. in 1856 and has seven children, six daughters, and a son seventeen years old, whose name is John Battle McElroy.

### GEORGE McELROY, A PATRIARCH IN IOWA.

At Eldora, Hardin County, Iowa, on the 19th day of September, 1900, occurred the death of George McElroy, in his ninety-eighth year. He was b. at Castle Blaney, North Ireland, in August, 1803. His people were of Scotch-Irish Covenanter stock. He was one of a family of twelve children. He came to America at the age of eighteen and located in Philadelphia. He learned the

trade of marble cutter, and worked at that business more than thirty years. When over forty years of age he m. Margaret Sproull, who d. in 1898, a sister of Rev. A. W. Sproull, D. D., now at Perth Amboy. In 1857 George removed to Iowa, settling on a farm in Hardin County. About 1875 he sold his farm and removed to Eldora, the County seat. Since the death of his wife, about two years ago, he has lived with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wills. He was a good citizen and reputable Christian, a member of the Congregational Church. His surviving children are:

1. George A. b. 1846. Resides in California. A conductor on Southern Pacific Railroad. Married Sarah Hartman, 1867. Is a grandfather. Two married daughters in Colorado.
2. James G. b. 1848; m. F. E. Westfall, 1874. Resides at Eldora, Iowa. Traveling salesman.
3. Eliza Jane b. 1850; m. D. Wills, 1874. Eldora.
4. Robert W. b. 1853; m. in 1880. Conductor on M., K. & T. Railway.



## NEW BRUNSWICK McELROYS

IN County Derry, North Ireland, about the beginning of the nineteenth century, lived Patrick McElroy. He had a considerable family, most of whom remained in Ireland. His son, James McElroy, b. about 1810, migrated, when a young man, to America, settling in New Brunswick. His wife was Nancy Rankin, of Garvagh-on-the-Bann. His later years were spent in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he d. at the age of seventy-five. He is said to have had a strong facial resemblance to Rev. Joseph McElroy, D. D., of New York. There were McElroys in Philadelphia who traced kinship with him. Grandfather Patrick McElroy claimed that certain McElroys who were related to him had settled in Kentucky.

James McElroy had seven daughters and one son.

THE REV. SOLOMON C. McELROY. He was b. at St. John, New Brunswick, October 8, 1840, graduated from the University of New York in 1862, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1865.

The thirty-five years of his ministry have been spent chiefly in Eastern Pennsylvania and in New York. His present residence is Jonesville, near Albany.



## McELROY PENNINGS AND PERSONALS

TRIBUTE TO A MOTHER, MRS. MARY McELROY, BY HER SON,  
CROCKET McELROY.

*(From the St. Clair Republican of April 19, 1894.)*

MY mother lived to be eighty-four years six months and twenty-six days old and died on the 12th inst., at Jackson, Mich., where she was living with her daughter Mary. Her body was laid to rest on the 14th, at Lapeer, by the side of my father, who preceded her thirteen years in entering the great hereafter. She was the mother of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, all provided with stout bodies and strong constitutions. Three children died before reaching the age of maturity, one of small-pox, one of cholera and one of wounds received in battle while serving as a soldier in the Union army. The seven children who reached maturity were all large and able bodied. At one time my father and mother and all their children would average in weight over 200 pounds each. Only five of the children are now living, who are named in the order of their ages as follows: Andrew, of Marine City; Crocket, of this city; Francis, of Lapeer; Mary (Mrs. S. D. Bailey) of Jackson, and Wesley, of Windsor, Ont.

In her prime my mother was a woman of pride, ambition and great usefulness. She was noted for her strict integrity, remarkable industry and wonderful powers of endurance. She was a worker, and nearly all her life worked almost incessantly from early morn until late bedtime. Usually the first one up and the last one to bed, she would almost invariably do a longer day's work than any other person in the household, which included mechanics in the employ of my father. In those days there were no sewing machines and no gas or electric lights, and for many long hours at night when the children were all in bed, my mother would sit by the light of candles made by her own hands and

ply her dextrous needles making all kinds of garments from shirts and socks, to coats and caps. Ready made clothing was not heard of in those days, at least in our town, according to my memory.

My mother did all kinds of work about her home, she was an expert gardener, and took pride in her gardening as in all her work. She would be among the first in town to have ripe strawberries, green peas, onions and such things in the garden every summer. She was an excellent cook, milliner, dressmaker, tailoress and in fact could do any kind of work that women in those days were called upon to do, and do it well.

My mother was a housekeeper from her nineteenth year until she was past eighty-two, a period of nearly sixty-four years. She never surrendered the power to rule and run her own house, but old age at last took it from her. Not one of her children possesses the ambition, the energy, or the powers of endurance that my mother had. Some of her splendid qualities may be observed trickling through the characters of her children, but none of them will live to show a record of hours of labor done, equal to that of their mother.

Overshadowing all her other good qualities was my mother's intense love for her children. She taught them to be good and ruled them through love, but did not hesitate to enforce obedience by harsher means when necessary.

I have tried all my life to realize and appreciate the immeasurable value of a mother's love and no effort I have ever made brought me back such rich returns of consolation and satisfaction, and in closing this poor sketch I wish to say to all persons who read it, (especially to the young) who have a mother to love, —love your mother. Do it not only from a sense of duty, but for love's sake, no matter what may befall your mother let her have the benefit of your love. Her eyes may grow dim and her ears get dull, but so long as you have a mother to love, continue to love your mother, and you may rest assured of reaping a rich reward in the up-building of your manhood and in soul satisfying comfort.

FROM "CITY OF THE DEAD."

Written by WILLIAM MONTGOMERY MCELROY in 1863.

The City of the Dead!  
How grand its solemn temples rise;  
To deeds of fame its tenants sleep,  
Or soar immortal in the skies.

Tears are of no avail;  
The broken bleeding heart,  
Cannot bring back the dead to life,  
Nor bid their pulses start.

Oh, holiest memory,  
Though time's swift years run fast,  
With busy steps our thoughts will turn  
Along the shadowy past.

The past we know;  
The future is our anxious care;  
We paint a heaven of bliss on high,  
And dream that we are there.

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OPENING STANZA FROM A POEM ON "THE WISCONSIN RIVER."

By WILLIAM MONTGOMERY MCELROY.

No Roman walked on Arno's side  
Or mused on Ario's falling tide  
With more delight than I have stood  
And gazed upon Wisconsin's flood.  
Its booming roar to me more dear  
Than aught that could salute my ear,  
Invites me oft, at set of sun,  
When tasks are o'er and labor's done,  
To wander on its grassy brink,  
Forget the world and idly think.

## THE IRVINE MOTHERS.

From unpublished manuscript of the late W. T. Knott, Ph. D.

With whatever pride and veneration and honor the generations of the McElroy clan of this day revert to their noble paternal ancestors of a hundred years ago, how much more may they in truth and justice accord to their maternal ancestors of that day. "For if we have any good in us is it not greatly due to our good mothers rather than to our fathers?"

The Irvines, the three sisters, Esther, Mary and Margaret, the honored and noble wives of Hugh, Samuel and James McElroy, the mothers, twelve decades ago, of the Kentucky McElroys, were of a family of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, ever true to the great principles of political freedom and religious liberty; ever found side by side with their brother Covenanters, the McElroys and others, in defence of those principles—with them in every trial and trouble—suffering with them in all the persecutions that it was their lot to endure. The Irvine name in Scotland reaches far back into the centuries that are past, and may be found all along the line of the meagre history of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, either in Scotland or North Ireland.

Early in the eighteenth century, about the year 1729, we find the good ship "George and Ann" bearing the Irvines and their compatriots and kinsmen, the McElroys, McDowells, McKees, McCunes, McCampbells and many others over the broad waters of the Atlantic to the shores of America. Nor was the name Irvine more illustrious and noble among the hills of Scotland, and the counties of Irish Ulster, than it was destined to become in the colonies of America. The name is imperishable in the annals of early American history, and found among the bravest generals who directed the armies during the French and Indian wars. It found a place in every rank in the battles for American independence. The Irvines were educated men for that day, and while we find them foremost as statesmen and soldiers on the secular battlefields, we find also the name prominent as valorous,

earnest, and zealous soldiers under the Great Captain of the armies of Jehovah as ministers of the Presbyterian Church.

Then well may the generations of to-day, and those to follow, descendants of the McElroys and Irvines, be proud of their lineage, and of the commingled blood of those noble families that courses in their veins.

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A POEM BY WILLIAM H. MCELROY.

(Read on the occasion of the eightieth birthday of William McElroy of Albany, N. Y., October 28, 1876.)

A truce to politics to-night;  
Let rival parties be;  
All patriotic toasts we slight—  
"My country" not "of thee"  
Our native land we will not sing,  
Nor e'en our native town,  
But each will hearty tribute bring  
To Erin's County Down.

Beyond a waste of waters wild,  
Just eighty years ago,  
Above a lusty new-born child  
Fond hearts were bending low;  
And, faith, his parents did declare  
That any honest jury  
Could call their boy beyond compare  
In Dromantine or Newry.

The years transform the baby weak,  
And whisper tales romantic,  
That tempt him to his fortune seek  
Beyond the wild Atlantic.  
At length delay he will not brook,  
Tells Erin he "must leave her,"  
And, presto! he's in "Schaghticoke"  
Her first "imported" weaver.

He did not take from Dromantine  
A bulgy pocket-book,  
Nor stocks, nor bonds, nor raiment fine,  
When he his home forsook.  
But in their stead he bore away  
What's better worth possessing,  
A help for every after day,—  
His dear, good father's blessing.

The new world caught him to her breast  
That friendless Irish boy,  
And cried "Just up and do your best;"  
You're welcome, McElroy!  
I've room enough, and room to spare,  
My skies are free as sunny;  
And those who will but do and dare  
Shall gain my milk and honey.

He loved the new world, bluff and free,  
And with the rule that's golden,  
He won his way this side the sea  
As in the world that's olden.  
He did his best—was brave and true,  
Hewed close to honor's line,  
And friends and fortune came to him,  
That boy from Dromantine.



## PERSONALS

ABBY and Mary, daughters of Rev. John M. McElroy, were born in Ottumwa, Iowa, and trained in the public schools and in the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, with the addition of some experience as teachers in Ottumwa schools, and as helpers in the work of city missions at the East End Chapel.

From this the transition was easy to the work of the Young Women's Christian Association, which, about that time, was beginning to attract public notice. Abby became secretary of the Association at Kansas City, Mo., and afterward had charge of a newly organized association at her home in Ottumwa. In 1897 she was invited to Newburgh-on-the-Hudson, where two full years of successful work followed. In January, 1900, an urgent call took her to Nashville, Tenn., where in a wide and important field, she has been on duty the past year, with appreciation and success.

Mary began her work in the Association at Topeka, Kan., and was afterward State Secretary for Illinois, with headquarters at Galesburg. By the International Committee she was sent to New York City to take charge of the newly organized Harlem Association. It was the day of small things. The work was new and but little known, occupying rented rooms, with small membership and income.

Nine years of service and management have witnessed gratifying expansion and progress, and have attracted a host of appreciative helpers. The association now has a membership of eleven hundred, with six hundred young women in educational classes, and three hundred in gymnasium classes, occupying their own property, a commodious home valued at \$120,000.

In the summer of '98 the two sisters were delegates in attendance upon the World's Association Conference in the City of

London. Mary remained, upon invitation of the London Council, and had charge for some months of their Central Institute, with a view to introducing certain American methods and plans which might be helpful in the London work. Returning the following winter, she resumed her position, where she continues, as General Secretary of the Harlem Young Women's Christian Association, of New York City.

## NOTES AND NAMES

IN the city directories of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago the McElroy names number, in each, between seventy and eighty. New York has fifty-nine names, Boston twenty-seven, New Orleans eleven, and Toledo eleven. A portion of these are Scotch-Irish, but a majority are Irish-Irish.

If an enumeration were made of all the descendants of the McElroy fathers who came to America from Ulster, how many would there be? No one knows. Perhaps as many as fifty thousand!

A study of the Christian names in vogue among our people is interesting and instructive. Those Scotch and Celtic fathers were religionists. The name Hugh, which means "Fire," carries us back to the times and heathen rites of the Druids, beyond the pale of history. The name Patrick is not the exclusive property of the Catholics. There are many Scotch Patricks. All classes of Celtic Christians venerate the name of Saint Patrick, the devoted missionary who brought the Gospel to Ireland long before the opposing camps of Catholic and Protestant were established.

The many Bible names, Abraham, Joseph, Sarah, Samuel, David, John, Mary, Elizabeth, show us what book they were most familiar with.

They were patriots, naming their sons for the reigning sovereign, giving Jameses without number, and, after the accession of the Prince of Orange, changing to William. In this country they have had many George Washingtons, while it is noteworthy that in naming their boys those Scotch Presbyterians have honored John Wesley and George Whitfield more than Calvin and John Knox.

Kinship among our different McElroy tribes is, from the standpoint of genealogy, worthy of notice. We are all one as to our Scotch origin. It is probable, too, that the number of our forebears who lived in Scotland was not large. More than half of

our American McElroys came from County Down, Ireland, and tradition has it that "all the McElroys in County Down are descended from three brothers who came from Scotland time of the persecutions." One of these, Hugh, bought a tract of land at Kate's Bridge, in the Parish of Bally-na-Hinch, in the central part of the county, where some of his descendants still reside; and there at Bally Roney Church, in unmarked graves, the fathers lie sleeping.

## NOTES—KINSHIP

THERE is a presumption that all our tribes which trace back to that parish, Bally-na-hinch, are related to each other. These include the McElroys of Big Spring, of Ligonier, the Delaware State McElroys, and probably also those of Albany and Michigan.

Wherever we find Hugh as a prevalent and honored name there is room for surmise that the tribe is descended from Hugh, of Kate's Bridge.

The Sligo McElroys, now at Pittsburgh and elsewhere, have a claim, based upon tradition, of kinship with the Albany McElroys, but whether with William from Dromantine, or with James and Samuel from the northern part of the county, we are not sure.

The large tribe of Michigan and Ontario McElroys are also pretty certainly related to those of Albany.

The Bucks County McElroys, the oldest tribe in the country, have also a tradition, wide-spread and persistent, of kinship with those of Albany, relating probably to Alexander McElroy, who lived many years near Rome, N. Y. There is also good reason to believe that the McElroys of Bucks County and those of Kentucky are nearly related. James, the patriarch of the Kentucky tribe, upon arriving in this country with his young wife in 1729, stopped for a time in Bucks County, where the other McElroy family had located twelve years earlier. The Christian names of these two tribes are similar, Archibald being a favorite. The father of James probably bore that name.

We ordinary McElroys must be on our guard against too great effort to establish kinship in certain directions. It would be a great honor to be related to Agnes McElroy Scott, the great-grandmother of Mrs. Carrie Scott Harrison, wife of President

Benjamin Harrison, and to Agnes's brother-in-law, Capt. Matthew Scott, who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes.

None of us would feel humiliated by being classed with the Kentucky people, who have given to the country and to history the orator and statesman, Ex-Governor Proctor Knott. Nor would we be grieved to be compelled to acknowledge relationship with the Schaghticoke weaver, of Albany, whose family is connected by marriage with the late President Chester A. Arthur.

Our McElroys in colonial times were not lacking in patriotism. In "Pennsylvania Archives" Vol. XIII, p. 151, we find, among the names of Revolutionary soldiers, the following McElroys: James, Daniel, Charles, James (2d), Adam, John and William. Among enrolled militiamen in Bucks County were George and Alexander, and Lieutenant-Colonel Archibald McElroy. In Virginia and the Carolinas there were at least three: John, Archibald and Samuel, and probably Hugh and James additional.

In the war of 1812, as we know from traditional and other sources, the McElroys were not wanting in devotion to their country's service.

From official records I have obtained a list of McElroys who have served in the army and navy for which I am indebted to the courtesy of John McElroy, of Washington, D. C. Omitting names which appear elsewhere in this history, the following may be noted:

1. Capt. James F. McElroy, of Pennsylvania. Served in Sixteenth United States Infantry throughout the war with Great Britain.
2. William McElroy, Ohio. Captain Seventy-second United States Colored Infantry; later first lieutenant Thirty-ninth United States Infantry.
3. James P. McElroy. First Lieutenant Sixth Ohio Battery.
4. James A. McElroy. First Lieutenant Second Ohio Cavalry.
5. Samuel D. McElroy. First Lieutenant 129th Ohio.
6. Clesson R. McElroy. First Lieutenant Thirteenth Vermont.

7. Samuel McElroy. Second lieutenant, 211th Pennsylvania.
8. William B. McElroy. Adjutant, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry.
9. William J. McElroy. Second Lieutenant, Sixty-third Pennsylvania.
10. Robert McElroy. Captain, Third Missouri State Cavalry.

## IN THE NAVY.

Archibald, Lieutenant. Appointed May 11, 1798.

Daniel R. McElroy. Second assistant engineer.

Samuel McElroy. Third assistant engineer.

Horace McElroy. Ensign.

Thomas McElroy. Gunner (1861), master (1864).

George Wightman. Appointed from Michigan. Graduated 1878. Now lieutenant with the Wisconsin.

Among our Celtic forebears in the dim and distant past, the doings of heroes and families and clans and their chiefs were rehearsed, on special occasions, by the bards, in the numbers of rude verse, with pantomime and extravagance and with small regard for the line between fact and legend.

The progress of civilization has retired the ancient bard and written history has taken the place of his rude poetry. In regard to family history, however, the pen has not come into universal use. There are intelligent people and good citizens busied with the activities of social and business life who have no written family record. That they may have had grandparents they do not call in question, but they do not know who they were. By and by they or their children will wake up to the importance of knowing something about ancestry. There may be an estate in question, or there may be a desire to establish connection with the honored ones of Colonial or Revolutionary times. Let us hope that this family history will tend to encourage and promote the *Family Record*, in the Family Bible, with fullness of names, dates, changes and localities.

The fullest and best record we have met with is that of the late Samuel McElroy, C. E., of Brooklyn.

Another record of much importance comes to us from A. A. Cassil, Esq., of Mount Vernon, Ohio. When a lad of fourteen he wrote out the history of his tribe as given by his aged grand-aunt, dating back from 1769.

Dr. Knott, however, gives us the fullest account of the most numerous tribe, the Kentucky McElroys, the early facts and incidents of which were given him by his venerated grandfather, who lived to be almost a centenarian.

The preparation of this McElroy History has required some labor and care, and has involved a very extensive correspondence. We have tried to have it accurate, yet, we doubt not that errors will be discovered in it. Names and dates have been in some instances incorrectly reported to us, and the penmanship was not always easily deciphered.

The author begs leave to say, however, that the work has accorded with his tastes and has afforded him some satisfaction.

Our wide correspondence with many whose faces we have never seen has been very satisfactory; marked by courtesy and appreciation and a just family pride. It is an honor to be identified with such a people and with their history. We cannot but admire their rugged strength, their conscientious devotion to what they thought was right, their fearlessness amidst peril, their patriotism, and their Protestantism.

Two thoughts have been to us matters of special interest. First, the oneness of the Scotch-Irish Americans in general, and of the McElroys in particular, even amid some diversity of religious name. The greater part of us are Presbyterians, with high regard for John Knox, and loyal to Presbyterian faith and order; and of this number some are United Presbyterians and some are Reformed Presbyterians, or Covenanters. Some of our number are Episcopalians, admiring the conservatism and sound doctrine, and pleased with the order and worship of the Episcopal Church. Some are Methodists, admirers of John Wesley, and deeming it an honor to be seen walking in his



footsteps, even as he followed in the steps of the Master. Others yet, renouncing all authoritative human creeds, accept the Bible as their one symbol and desire no other name than Disciple or Christian. We do well to remind ourselves, that John Knox was for years an Episcopal clergyman, using the liturgy and assisting in its revision, and that he had the honor of declining a bishopric in the English church; that Wesley was an Episcopal clergyman to the close of his long ministry, and that the form of government in the churches which bear his name is not Prelacy but Presbytery; and that Alexander Campbell was a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian, educated for the Presbyterian ministry. We are all one in acknowledging the supreme authority of the word of God, and we are one family in heirship to that civil and religious liberty for which our forefathers contended in Scotland. It is our right to be Methodists, or Disciples, or Episcopalians, or Presbyterians, without asking permission of any earthly power.

Our remaining thought relates to our country; of wide extent, with a teeming population, a heroic past, and a magnificent future. McElroys are found in every part of it, probably in every state in the Union, and north and south of every parallel of latitude. In our late deplorable civil war they were in opposing camps, and confronted each other on the field of battle. That was one trouble, there were so many Scotch-Irish on both sides,—conscientious, stubborn, heroic men, not easily whipped and who did not know when they were whipped. Let us be thankful that the war is over, and that the asperities and ill-feeling pertaining to it are passing away. As we received reports from southern correspondents, and read the names of soldiers—fallen, or surviving—Hugh, John, Samuel, William, Frank, it seemed like the roll-call of our own grandfather's family. And our Confederate kinsmen, as they look through this family history, may have a kindred feeling as they note the names of federal soldiers, Hugh, John, Samuel, James, Thomas, Robert, Charles and Joseph!

Time and Providence have had a wonderfully unifying power. One name, one history, one country, one flag!

It is not claimed that we have found and registered all the

Scotch-Irish McElroys in America. It is only an approach toward it. We have done the best we could. A few—a very few—made no reply to our letters of inquiry, were “dumb with silence,” and of course their names and records do not appear. There must be many of our people in California. From most of our correspondents came the report of some member of the family having gone to California, but no address given.

Our inquiries have brought courteous replies from several Catholic McElroys, of the class that Froude speaks of as Irish-Irish. Hugh McElroy, a merchant of Pittsburgh, Pa., and James W. McElroy, city attorney of Baltimore. From several sources we hear of a “Father John McElroy,” Catholic priest, who died a few years since at Frederick, Md., at the age of ninety-five.

We hear of a Professor McElroy, who figured as a teacher in New York City some forty years since, principal of public school in Baxter street; a learned scholar, and a successful teacher, with humorous and fun-loving peculiarities which made him immensely popular with his “boys.” He had a unique way of taking notice of Washington’s Birthday. On the evening preceding, just before dismissal, he would have his boys all drawn up in line, and very gravely would say: “Now boys, what day is to-morrow?” In chorus they would answer, “Washington’s Birthday.” “Who was George Washington?” the teacher would ask, still with solemn formality. The answer came promptly “First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,” and then all would go into a vigorous breakdown performance, stepping in unison, and yet with the gravity of a regular school exercise.

“Right ye are,” McElroy would reply, “take a holiday to-morrow.” The boys did not forget this drill. Years later when their teacher was in his grave, the old boys appeared, during the Washington Centennial in 1889, upon the streets, in groups, asking in unison “Who was George Washington?” Then giving the reply and the break-down. The prank took, and spread almost all over the city, though few knew its origin. The Professor’s Christian name we did not learn, and whether he really belonged to the Scotch stock was a question that we did not care to press too far.

A Carolina correspondent writes under date of November 24, 1900, that a Mr. William McElroy, bachelor, died intestate at or near Asheville a few years ago, leaving an estate of \$10,000, for which no heirs had been found unless very recently. The matter is believed to be still in the Probate Court at Asheville, N. C.

Our latest item of McElroy news is from the *San Francisco Chronicle* of December 9, 1900. Sister Sanghamitta, the Buddhist nun, had just arrived, returning from Ceylon. She was born in Texas, daughter of Captain McElroy, who is said to have been of old Pennsylvania stock. Her mother was a Castillian. Her early years were passed in Mexico. At the age of sixteen she married a Mr. Bates and resided in Oakland, where she was left a widow with three children. Her second husband was Count Canavarro, Minister from Portugal to the Hawaiian Islands, by whom she had a son, now sixteen years old. Some years ago she became enamored of Theosophy, and under the tutorship of Dharmapala, the Buddhist priest, who figured in the parliament of religions, was inducted into the mysteries of Buddhism. Three years ago she renounced Christianity and turned her back upon her family and native country and went to the Orient as priestess and missionary. She will return, later, to her mission and meditation in India.

The McElroys are human, all of them fallible, and some, erratic.



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