

Sumach Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Served as clerk of the session for many years. Now retired and lives in Murray Co. (Sumach).

Robert Mitchell Gregory and Benjamin Conway Gregory, sons of Mamie McCamy and B.A. Gregory; born in Murray Co. Prominent businessmen of that county. Now retired and reside in Murray Co. Mitchell lives in upper end of county and Conway lives in Chatsworth.

Verna Gregory, daughter of Mamie McCamy and B.A. Gregory, born in Murray Co. Married Novice Coffey and now resides in Rome, Ga.

Samuel Leon (Lon) McCamy born 1900, died 1951, son of James W. McCamy and Laura McIntire McCamy. Married Mildred Hall in 1925. This couple had four daughters, all of whom became college graduates. Leon was a prosperous farmer and owned the old homestead. He was ordained a deacon in Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1944 and an elder in 1949. Served in this capacity until his death. He served as member of Murray Co. Board of Education. He belonged to the Conasauga Masonic Lodge. Is buried in Sumach Cemetery.

Mildred Hall McCamy, wife of the above Samuel Leon, was born in Murray Co., Ga., graduated from Lucy Hill High at Spring Place. Received her B.A. degree from Tennessee Wesleyan at Athens, Tenn. Taught school for a number of years in Murray Co. She is now a widow and retired and lives in the old homeplace of her husband and his father in upper end of Murray Co. In retirement she has been a very busy and active person, having served two terms as president of Whitfield-Murray Historical Society and is a member of the D.A.R. Ocoee Chapter in Cleveland, TN.

Edna McCamy Lyle born in Murray Co., daughter of Jesse Houston McCamy and Delana Whittemore McCamy, graduated from Lucy Hill High of Spring Place in 1925; a graduate of Maryville College, Maryville, TN., 1929. Taught school in Blount Co. high school system in Maryville, TN. Married Edward L. Lyle in 1933, a graduate of University of Tenn., chief design engineer for Fabricating Works, Aluminum Co. of America, Alcoa, Tenn. Ed and Edna, both retired, are members of New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville, TN.

Warren McCamy, son of Jesse Houston and Delana Whittemore McCamy, born in Murray Co., Ga. Attended Lucy Hill High in Spring Place, Ga. Lived in Maryville, Tenn., and now resides in Care Inn Nursing Center in Maryville, TN.

William McCamy, the son of James and Sarah, settled and lived many years in Murray County, Georgia. They raised a large family. Of those who remained and died in Murray County were R.N. (Richard) McCamy, who also raised a large family, all of whom contributed in many ways to the growth of the county. William also had a son Ernest, born and buried in Murray County. A daughter of William married William Ricketts. They had four daughters and one son. The son died early in his young manhood. The three daughters were musicians, school teachers and promoters of education and a better society. All are buried in Sumach Cemetery.

*by great-granddaughter, Sue Rymer Reed*

### The M.D.L. McCroskey Family

Maj. M.D.L. McCroskey was born in McMinn County, Tenn., May 22, 1830. He had business interests in Alabama and Atlanta and in 1858 he went to New York City and became associated with a leading mercantile house as a traveling salesman in all sections of the Union. At the beginning of the Civil War, he returned to his native South and arrived in Savannah in the spring of 1861. He was involved in the salt trade and manufacture during the war and received a major's commission from the Confederate government. He returned to New York and continued his mercantile pursuits until 1890. He retired that year and settled with his family in Atlanta. During the summer season they would retire to his plantation in Murray County. It was one of the largest and most productive in North Georgia. He also owned a business block in Atlanta and a dairy farm on the outskirts of that city which was his winter residence.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Lizzie Carn, daughter of John and Lizzie Carn of Bamburg, S.C. Their children were: Lizzie Bell and Julia Evans. Lizzie died in 1870.

The father of Major McCroskey was a native of Sevier County, Tenn., where he was born in 1806. He died in Cleveland, Tenn., in 1892. He married Sarah Stephenson, daughter of Andrew Stephenson of Sevier County, Tenn. Their children were: Louisa; Carolina; Amanda married J.T. Horde of Cleveland, Tenn.; Tennie and Harriet of Chattanooga and Addie, deceased. The mother of Major McCroskey died at Tunnel Hill, Ga., in 1871.

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### The Thomas Y.H. McEntire Family

James Lette McEntire and brothers, Joseph, William, John, and sister, Martha, came to Murray County in 1835-36. They were born and reared in what was then Burke County, N.C.

Their parents were Thomas Young Hemphill McEntire, who was born in 1772 in Tyrone County, Ireland, and Martha Hemphill, who was born in 1774 near Old Fort, N.C. Thomas McEntire came to this country before 1790 with an uncle and a cousin. He settled on land along the Catalba River near Old Fort, N.C., in then Burke County. He died April 23, 1813. Martha Hemphill was the daughter of Captain Thomas Hemphill and Mary Ann Mackay. She was born Mar. 14, 1774 and died Nov. 17, 1835. She married Thoms Y.H. McEntire in 1794 and had 11 children: Mary Howard b. 1795; Jennie b. 1797; Rosana b. 1798; Martha Hemphill b. 1800; Thomas Young b. 1801; Joseph Alexander b. 1803; Nancy Clarcy b. 1805; John Cunningham b. 1807; James Lette b. 1809; William McKey b. 1812; and Rebecca b. 1813.

The paternal grandfather, Captain Thomas Hemphill, was active in the North Carolina militia during the Revolutionary War in western North Carolina. His name is available from the N.D.A.R. for reference to any descendant who wishes to apply for membership.



Upon arrival in Murray County, James, Joseph, William, John, and Mary bought land on Rock Creek just north of Carter's Plantation. Two possible reasons for the move to Murray County were that relatives may have preceded them or the availability of land due to the Indian relocation which was in progress.

The McEntires sold the North Carolina property and prospered in the Rock Creek area for many years. James McEntire was the president of the Dalton Agricultural Club and Fair Association.

A few years after coming to Murray County, James L. and John C. McEntire moved to the Sumach community. A log house with the traditional "dog trot" hallway was built on the same spot where J.W. Hawkins now lives in a brick house. It is said that these two brothers owned all the land between Hwy. 225 on the west to the top of the ridges on the east, and from Sumach Creek on the north to about where Northwest School is located on the south.

John C. was an invalid and lived with his brother until his death Oct. 15, 1860 and is buried at Sumach.

James L. died Jan. 8, 1885 and his wife, Mary Ann, died Dec. 22, 1898 and they are buried at Sumach. Their children were: (a) Thomas B. b. Apr. 26, 1840\*; (b) Martha E. b. Jan. 21, 1842\* m. Sam Harris; (c) John C. b. Sept. 11, 1843\* m. Martha E. Harris; (d) Mary Jane b. Mar. 21, 1845 m. William James Beck; (e) Roseanna b. Nov. 26, 1846; (g) Joseph A. b. Feb. 28, 1850\*; (h) William b. Apr. 8, 1852; (i) Clarissa b. May 7, 1854 m. Tom Daniel; (j) James Leach b. May 16, 1856 m. Martha Henry; (k) Laura R. b. Feb. 1, 1858\* m. Bob McCamy; (l) Benjamin Cooper b. Dec. 6, 1859\* did not marry; (m) Emma G. b. Sept. 9, 1862\* d. age 1.

Those indicated with asterisks are known to have lived and died in Murray County. It is known that Thomas was headmaster of Sumach Academy for years. Martha married Sam Harris and lived on a farm across the road from Sumach Church. Sam served with the CSA during the War Between the States. Mary Jane married William James Beck. He is buried in Sumach Cemetery, and she later went to Texas with their children. She remarried and is buried there.

Roseanna was married twice and is buried in Cherokee County, Alabama. Rebecca married Luke Shields and had two children. Joseph lived with his parents until he drowned in a rain-swollen Sumach Creek on April 13, 1868. He is buried at Sumach Cemetery. Clarissa married Tom Daniel of Cherokee County, Alabama, and is buried there. They had seven children. James Leach married Martha Henry. They lived in Union Springs community with their four children. They are buried in Sumach Cemetery. Laura married Bob McCamy and they had nine children. They lived near Tennga on Hwy. 225. They are buried in Sumach Cemetery. Benjamin Cooper never married. He lived with relatives and owned farmland in the Sumach community. He died in 1938 and is buried in Sumach Cemetery. Emma died at age one and is buried in Sumach Cemetery.

John Cunningham McEntire enlisted as a private in C.S.A. Co. E, 60th Reg. Ga. Infantry at age 18 in Dalton, Ga., on Sept. 19, 1861. He was elected lieutenant on Oct. 4, 1862 in Co. B, 4th Reg. Ga. Cavalry. He was wounded in East Tennessee on Jan. 27, 1863 and hospitalized. He was then dropped from the rolls in May, 1864 and was at home at the close of the war. He married Martha

E. Harris on Nov. 28, 1866. She was the daughter of John Nicholas and Nancy Garner Harris. Their home was located on the Old Federal Road, now U.S. Hwy. 411, at Fairy Valley. The house is still standing on what is known as the "Harris-Hall" Farm. It was deeded to the Sumach Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1948 by a nephew, Frank Hall.

The seven children of John C. and Martha Harris McEntire were: (a) William Lee b. Dec. 22, 1867; (b) Nancy Ann b. Mar. 5, 1870; (c) Rebecca Sophronia b. Aug. 5, 1872; (d) Mary Emma b. Dec. 15, 1874; (e) Joseph Bratcher b. Mar. 17, 1878; (f) Naomi Eygenia b. Aug. 27, 1881; (g) John Harris b. Oct. 27, 1887.

John C. McEntire died Aug. 8, 1923 and Martha Harris McEntire died June 8, 1917. They are buried in the McEntire plot of Sumach Cemetery.

William Lee McEntire married (given name unknown) a Franklin and the two children were Charlie and Willie. Charlie married a Franklin and Willie married a Swinney. No survivors of this family now live in Murray County.

Nancy Ann married Tom Harris and lived on the farm across the road from the present Sumach church. Their two children were Etta and Sybil, who never married. Etta married Harrison Phillips and had two daughters, Kathryn and Elizabeth. Kathryn married Maurice Coleman and one of their three children (Mike) lives in Murray County. Elizabeth married Raymond Harris and they live in the Atlanta area.

Rebecca Sophronia died, unmarried, July 24, 1889, age 17. She is buried in Sumach Cemetery.

Mary Emma married Jimmy Wilson and moved to Charlotte, N.C. Their daughter Mattie Sue married a Welsh and lived in Charlotte.

Naomi Eugenia married William Dunn and had six children. They lived on Hall's Chapel Road about a mile from Hwy. 225. William served a term as Murray County Commissioner. They are both buried at Sumach Cemetery. Their son, Tom, died unmarried and is buried at Sumach Cemetery. Eugene married Cecil Dunn and had one child, Rita. Will Dee married Ed Slaughter, who carried the mail from the Crandall Post Office until his retirement. They now live in Chatsworth.

Trixie married a Brown. He died and she now lives in Chatsworth. Mildred (a twin to Milton) married Troy Ellis and had three children. Daughter Susan married Randall Ridley and they have two children, Burt and Adam. They live in Murray County. Mildred and Troy's two sons live in Florida. Milton (Bo) married Rossie O'Neal. His widow now lives in Murray County with her son, Lamar.

John Harris McEntire served in World War I. He married Lula Howell. After her death, he married Gussie Stroud. Their daughter, Eloise, married George Legg. They live in East Point and have five children. John Harris, Lula, and Gussie are buried in Sumach Cemetery.

Joseph Bratcher McEntire married Laura Belle Weaver of Ducktown, Tenn. He was employed as an accountant with the Tennessee Copper Company in Ducktown. He moved his family back to the Sumach community in 1907 and operated a general merchandise store at Sumach for a number of years. In 1918 he then moved his family to his farm located about ½ mile east of the McEntire Road. They had seven children: Louise b. Feb. 4, 1907; John Conrad b. Oct. 1,



1908; Roy b. Aug. 3, 1910; Smith Hall b. Jan. 3, 1913; Loretta Elaine b. May 9, 1915; Katherine Loraine b. Dec. 14, 1917; and James Frederick b. July 8, 1921.

Joe died at age 52 and Laura at age 82. They are buried at Sumach Cemetery.

Louise married Van Tatum and they had two children. Alvin, their son, his wife, Dorothy, and their daughter, Elise, live in Atlanta. A daughter, Lynn Tatum Campbell, lives in Simpsonville, S.C. Her two daughters, Janice and Jennifer, live in Simpsonville, S.C., and Charlotte, N.C., respectively. The other daughter, Marcia, is married and lives in Texas.

John Conrad and Roy died at ages 5 and 1, respectively and are buried in Sumach Cemetery.

Smith Hall married Eugene Adams. They had three sons. Robert Lane (Bobby) married Jacquelyn Deems and had two children, Chad and Heather.

Joe Alan died at age 18 and is buried in Sumach Cemetery. Dan married Rebecca Ausmus and has a daughter, Kelley. Bobby, Dan, and their families live in Chatsworth as do their parents. They are founders of the Cumberland Mills Carpet Manufacturing Company.

Loretta married Fred Brackett and had one son, Mack. Loretta, Mack, and his son, Greg, now live in Old Fort, Tenn.

Katherine (Bill) married Harold Hayes and had two daughters. Jo Ann married Paul Cooperrider and had two sons, Mike and Mark. Mark married Lynn Badstibner and they all live in the Norwalk, Ohio, area. Catherine (Cathy) married Bill White and had two sons, Jason and Troy. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla. Katherine (Bill) also lives there now.

James Frederick (Fred) married Jennie Mae Smith of the Fashion community. Their three children are twins, James Frederick Jr. and Janet Ann, and Thomas Clayton. James married Margaret Kimbrough Dearnley (Kim) of Jenkintown, Pa. James is a career officer in the United States Coast Guard and is currently stationed in Mobile, Ala. Their children are Jeffrey, Rebecca, and Elizabeth. Janet married Perry Swanson, II of LaGrange, Ga. Janet and their sons, William Nathan, Bennie Perry, III, and John Thomas live in Athens, Ga. Thomas also lives in Athens.

The McEntire family heritage is a rich one and is characterized by many years of contribution to the growth and development of Murray County, Ga.

*Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. James Frederick McEntire, Sr.*

### The James McGhee Family

James McGhee and his wife, Mary Couch, came to Murray County from Bradley County, Tenn., in 1836. Children listed in James McGhee's will in 1850 were: (1) Albert S., (2) Larkin, (3) James M. and (4) Burton (a grandson).

His son, James Monroe, was b. Mar. 26, 1820 in Tenn., d. July 9, 1908 in Spring Place, Ga. He married Mary Ann Amanda Cleveland, Oct. 14, 1845. She was born Jan. 10, 1823 in Cleveland's Ferry, S.C., d. Mar. 21, 1885 in Spring Place, Ga. Their children were:

(1) George B. b. Sept. 10, 1847; (2) Martha E. b. Oct. 21, 1849; (3) Frances Taletha b. Dec. 10, 1851; (4) Mary Theodosia b. July 15, 1854; (5) James Albert b. July 16, 1857, d. Feb. 13, 1941, m. Sarah Anna Harper b. Dec. 24, 1874, Jefferson Co., Tenn., d. Jan. 26, 1958 in Chatsworth, Ga. Were married Mar. 15, 1903; (6) Robert Edward b. June 22, 1860; (7) William Franklin b. Dec. 7, 1862.

James Albert and Sarah Anne McGhee had the following children: (1) Rolla Harold b. June 9, 1904, d. Feb. 5, 1967 in Chatsworth. Married May 15, 1921 to Daisy Ballew b. Nov. 15, 1903. Children are: (a) Grace Barrett b. Oct. 27, 1922, m. Sept. 13, 1941 to James Tucker Brown b. Sept. 26, 1922 in Eton, Ga. (b) Jeffie M. b. June 9, 1922, d. Mar. 31, 1925 in Spring Place. (c) James Harlen b. April 11, 1927, d. Mar. 20, 1928 in Spring Place.

Tucker and Grace Brown have a daughter, Marilyn McGhee Brown, b. Jan. 23, 1950 in Atlanta, Ga., m. Oct. 24, 1970 Don Allen Holsomback b. Feb. 5, 1947 in Calhoun, Ga. Their child, James Allen Holsomback, b. May 28, 1974 in Dalton, Ga.

*Submitted by Grace Brown*

### The Pleasant McGhee Family

Pleasant McGhee was a native of Morgan County, Tenn., where he was born in 1833. In 1840 he was brought to Murray County by his grandfather. In 1849 he migrated to Missouri and lived among the Indians. He continued on to California and took part in the Gold Rush in 1855. In 1857 he returned to Missouri and in 1858 returned to Georgia where he married Miss Frances Cleveland, daughter of Robert Cleveland. They moved to southwest Missouri where Mr. McGhee engaged in farming and trading.

During the Civil War he served with Co. H, Sixteenth Missouri Infantry as captain. He served in Missouri and Louisiana until 1865 when he was paroled and sent home because of ill health.

Mr. McGhee came to Murray County and became prominent in political affairs serving as commissioner on the Murray County board and then as representative to the state legislature. He maintained an active farm near Spring Place.

His children were Orazaba E., wife of John L. Galt; William T.; Florence J., wife of Howard Lowry; Pleasant F.; and Oscar R.

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### James McKamy Family

James McKamy (1753-1845) came from Virginia and married Agnes Telford (1755-1832). They had three sons: David McKamy, 1787-1857, lived in Maryville, Tennessee; William McKamy, 1790-1880, married Nancy Caldwell and lived in Spring Place, Georgia; James McKamy, Jr., 1796-1862, married Anne Hannah (d. 1862).