

## Hall County History

# Leckies came to Hall from Glasgow, Scotland

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Several members of the Leckie family are buried in the Hopewell Baptist Cemetery which is located off Candler Road between Gainesville and Candler.

One Leckie headstone has the inscription:

Margarette Stewart McCauley, wife of James Leckie, born July 1805 — died May 8, 1836.

Leckie Bible records state that James Leckie Sr. was born 25 December, 1805 and that James Leckie was married to Margaret Stewart McCauley April 27, 1826. Death dates are not recorded in the Bible.

Descendants of the Leckie family have in their possession several letters written to James Leckie from his parents John and Janet Leckie of Glasgow, Scotland. One letter is dated 24th August, 1842 and reads in part: "...received your letter the 1st day of July and we were happy to here that you were all well. We are all in an ordinary way of health at present...We have had a distressing country for 12 months past. The printing is entirely ruined, they are now

working for 8 in the shilling and they get only two or three days in the week. The weaving is reduced to nothing. Numbers are breaking stones and some are begging. Tread was never worse. There was 12 or 14 thousand idle persons in Paisley and at present there are nine thousand idle and they have been remarkable peaceable... At present in Ardrie all the Colliers and Miners are struck and a full confusion breaking into potatoe fields and taking what they can find. 47 pits and mines are all standing at present. Soldiers are flying in all directions quelling the mobs...In England the confusion is greater..." Possibly such conditions caused many Scots to seek their fortunes in America.

Several members of the McCauley family along with James Leckie came to the United States together. The McCauleys settled around Greenville, S.C., and James Leckie came to Hall County. James and Margaret were probably married in Scotland.

The children of James Leckie and Margaret Stewart Mc-

Cauley as listed in the Bible were: Elizabeth, Janet M., John, Alexander, Kerr Stewart, James, William, Mary Wells, Nancy Kathrine, and Helen Ann.

Marriages recorded in Hall County:

Elizabeth Leaky (Leckie) was married to Jackson Gaines, August 23, 1849. They are buried in Dewberry I Baptist Church Cemetery, Hall County. Their

markers read:

Elizabeth Gaines, born Feb. 2, 1827 — died June 21, 1904.

A.J. (Andrew Jackson) Gaines, born Sept. 11, 1827 — died Apr. 16, 1891.

Alexander Leckie was married to Eliza Catherine McNeal, Jan. 15, 1857.

John Leckie married Lucy Sarah Ann Bullman, Feb. 19, 1857.

Janette Leckie married

Simpson M. Kiser, Dec. 7, 1857.

Nancy Leckie married John Stewart, Oct. 25, 1866.

At least three sons of James Leckie enlisted in the Civil War. James Leckie enlisted in Co. D, 27th Ga. Infantry. Pension records state that he died Jan. 29, 1924. He is buried in the Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery. William and Kerr Stewart Leckie fought in Co. D, 14th Batt. Artillery.