

## Hall history

# The McConnells of Hall County

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There are numerous early records in the Hall County Courthouse concerning the McConnell family. Members of this clan were in Jackson County prior to the creation of Hall, and from Hall, descendants migrate to other Georgia counties and to western territories.

The third will recorded in MINUTES, Misc. Bk. "A", 1819-1839, Hall County, is that of John McConnell Sr. It is dated 18 April 1821, and probated, 11 January 1822. (pp 98, 99): "To beloved wife, Nancy McConnell, my household and kitchen furniture also Negro woman named Ann, during her natural life, then said Negro woman to become property of my son, John McConnell, Jr. He is to have one chestnut sorrel mare, saddle and bridle, my stock of cattle and sheep. And to my beloved son, John McConnell Jr. my mansion house, farm and mill...258 acres when it can be considered as a part of my real or personal estate...requiring him to pay to legatees of my estate \$64 for use of said farm. To daughter, Elizabeth Montgomery, Negro boy, Jerry. To grandsons, James and John McConnell and John and James Montgomery, one lot of land in 15th district of Early County Lot No. 364. Executors, John McConnell Jr., Lawr. (Lawyer) Robert Montgomery (son-in-law) Witnesses, Mark McCutchin, J.R. McCutchin, B. (Benjamin) R. McCutchin. (signed) John McConnell Sr."

A verbatim copy of McConnell Family History was passed on to Mr. Hollingsworth. This genealogical data was compiled and written by Isaac McConnell, son of John McConnell Jr., grandson of John McConnell Sr. Isaac McConnell was born June 28, 1819. He married Elizabeth Strickland, 1840.

"John McConnell Sr. (whose will is recorded in Hall County) was born in Scotland and lived there until he was 21 years old. He was born in 1750 and after he became of age, he and four brothers came to America before the Revolutionary War. The brothers were: James, Robert, Joseph and Joshua. Two brothers were killed by Tories during the war, James and Robert. All the brothers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. There was also one sister who came to America with them. She mar-

ried James Little, who was killed by the Tories at the same time as James and Robert McConnell. The sister married 2nd, James Chambers.

"During the war John McConnell married Nancy Montgomery and they lived together until his death. They were parents of two children, John and Elizabeth."

John McConnell Jr. was born 12 December 1780, South Carolina. He married Anna Townsend, daughter of Henry and Mary Townsend, in Elbert County, Ga., 1800.

Elizabeth McConnell married Robert Montgomery. They both died in Georgia. They reared a large of family of sons and daughters.

John McConnell Jr. homesteaded in Cherokee County prior to the Civil War. He was a delegate to the Secession Convention. His wife, Anna, died 1 May 1850, and John died 23 July 1865. John and Anna McConnell are buried in the Hickory Flat cemetery, Cherokee County.

The children of John McConnell Jr. and wife, Anna, were:

1. Eli McConnell, born Sept. 3, 1801. He married Sevilla Garrison in 1840.
2. James McConnell, born May 4, 1803. He married Sarah Putnam (MARRIAGE Bk. "A", Hall county. Marriage executed; Dec. 11, 1823, by Ben'n McCutchen JP)
3. John McConnell, born May 17, 1806. Burned to death when age 16 yr.
4. Nancy McConnell, born Sept. 10, 1807. Married Daniel Putnam in Hall County, Sept. 8, 1825. (MARRIAGE BK. "A", cert. no. 216)
5. Henry McConnell, born June 11, 1810. He married Elizabeth Bostick, 1835.
6. Sarah McConnell, born May 12, 1812. She married Thos. J. Payne in the year 1840.
7. Joseph L. McConnell, born Feb. 14, 1814, married Nancy Payne in 1840.
8. William McConnell, born Nov. 2, 1816, married Leduska Bell in 1835.
9. Isaac McConnell, born June 28, 1819, married Elizabeth Strickland in 1840.
10. Samuel Milton McConnell, born Feb. 9, 1822, married Jane Brewster. (Cherokee County Marriage Bk; 1841-49, p. 221. Married, April 12, 1848)
11. Mary Ann McConnell, born March 31, 1827, married Joshua Roberts, Aug. 12, 1842. Recorded in Cherokee County.