

THE McELROY FAMILY

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GENERATION I.

ARCHIBALD McELROY, SR., born before 1720, died 1760. His will is on file in Johnston County, North Carolina (which later became Wake Co., N.C.), dated 9/12/1760, was proven in January of 1761. He names wife Catherine (Simpson?) and all children except Archibald, Jr., who was deceased.

Children of Archibald and Catherine McElroy:

1. Andrew McElroy, born 1740-50. Served as Private in Revolutionary War from Wake Co., N.C., under Capt. Solomon Wood. Pension record No. R 6,783 in National Archives, Washington, D.C. Pension states that first wife of Andrew was a New. D.A.R. paper No. 477387 states his first wife was Johannah Handcock, second wife Phoebe Meadows, born 1786, died 1868-1873; married 6/5/1817 Oglethorpe Co., Ga. Phoebe died in Shelby Co., Ga. Andrew died 2/16/1825, and lived in Wake Co., N.C., Oglethorpe Co., Ga., Wilson Co., Tenn., Madison Co., Ala., Shelby Co., Ala., and then back to Madison Co., Ala., where he died. Children by first wife were: Sarah, Catherine, Mary, Green, Martin, Eliza and Johannah.
2. Salley McElroy.
3. John McElroy, died ca. 1794; married Marjorie and lived on Little River, Oglethorpe Co., Ga.
4. Avington McElroy, born ca. 1750, died Oglethorpe Co., Ga., 1797, married Sarah Dawson (daughter of William and Martha Dawson) 3/7/1770 in Johnston Co., N.C. The bondsmen for marriage were Wm. Dawson (Sarah's father) and Wm. Hickleroy (Avington's uncle). Lived in Wilkes, Elbert and Oglethorpe Counties, Ga., Pendleton District, S.C., and then back to Oglethorpe Co. Ga. See Generation II for full data on this family.
5. Frances McElroy married John Baptist Shaw, Wake Co., N.C. 1771.
6. Archibald McElroy, Jr., died 1760, married Sarah Lynn and had son Micajah, born 9/20/1760 who died in Lincoln Co., Tenn., in 1834. See Bodie's "Historic Southern Families" Vol. IX.

AVINGTON McELROY, (son of Archibald McElroy and Catherine Simpson ?) was born ca. 1750, died 1797. He left many records in Johnston Co., N.C., Wilkes, Elbert and Oglethorpe Co., Ga. These records are compiled in issues No. 60 and 61, of a genealogical magazine called "Family Puzzler", published by Heritage Papers, Danielsville, Ga., Mrs. Mary Warren, Editor. Avington McElroy was a Patriot during American Revolution, as he furnished supplies (Vol. XI, page 13, Folio 1, Nov. and Dec. 1776, Rev. Army Accounts, N.C. Archives).

The marriage record of Avington Mickleroy (McElroy) and Sarah Dawson is on file in Johnston Co., N.C., dated 7 March 1770. The bondsmen were her father, William Dawson and Avington's uncle, William Mickleroy. William Dawson's will is on file in Johnston Co., N.C. dated 15 March 1789, recorded 30 May 1797, names wife Martha, and daughter Sarah McElroy. Records show that Avington and his uncle, William McElroy, went from North Carolina and settled first in Wilkes (bounty and headright grants) Co., Ga. Later he is shown in Elbert and Oglethorpe Co., Ga., as these counties were made from Wilkes. Avington McElroy operated "Muckle's Ferry" between Elbert and Oglethorpe Co., which is shown on the 1824 map of Oglethorpe Co. In 1792, Avington sold most of his land and moved to Pendleton District, S.C. He was there for a time, but moved back to Oglethorpe Co., Ga., about 1795, and returns tax in 1796-1797, but drops out of tax records in 1797, when he evidently died. To this date I have been unable to find an estate settlement. He may have died intestate or some of the Oglethorpe Co., Ga., records have been destroyed (this has been stated as a fact). The land Avington McElroy owned at the time of his death was held by his son Billy (William) in 1798. In 1801, the same land is held by his son, Isaac McElroy (Jr), and at a later period, at least by 1815, the land was held by Avington's widow, Sarah McElroy. See attached tax, deed and census records.

Children of Avington McElroy and Sarah (Dawson) McElroy:

1. Billy (William) McElroy born 1772; married 26 May 1800, Oglethorpe County, Ga., Nancy Johnson (daughter of Thomas Johnson, see Will Book A - 1803). On 3 Feb. 1813 Billy McElroy bought 115 acres of land from Elizabeth Olive on Cloud's Creek. In 1826 he had 210 acres to be taxed. He began selling the land, 91 acres on Cloud's Creek to Richard Dowdy, Book L, page 378, on 2 June 1826, and 78 acres to Brittain Stamps, Book L., page 379, and on 5 May 1828, Book M, page 257, he sold 60 acres to Brittain Stamps. Billy evidently went to Early Co., Ga., where he was declaring 250 acres there, granted self and adjoining 17 Dist. No. 39. He does not appear on the Oglethorpe Co., Ga., tax Digest until 1836 when he declares this 250 acres in Early Co., Ga. (Billy won this land in the 1820 Land Lottery) with N.R. after name, which means non-resident. Billy McElroy was appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Sarah McElroy, on 2 June 1835, recorded 5 June 1835, however, no settlement of her estate has been found. It may have been destroyed along with other Oglethorpe Co., Ga. records.

By 1840, Billy McElroy was in Carrol Co., Ga., as shown by the census records of that county. Near him were evidently a married son William T. (or F.) McKleroy. The 1850 Carrol Co., Ga., census, 790, lists Billy McKleroy (or F.), farmer, born North Carolina, wife Nancy, age 70, born N.C. No. 693 age 78, son, Wm T or F. McKleroy, age 37, born Ga., wife Nancy, age 33, born names son, John, age 12, Ruby Ann 9, Catherine 9, Andrew 5, Richard 1. Billy's son Anderson McKleroy is listed as age 44, born Ga., wife Nancy, 42 born Ga., son Alphas (male) age 19, Mary 17, Frances 14, Susan 12, Elizabeth 10, William 4, Martha 4, Louisa 1.

2. Isaac McElroy (Jr.), b. 1775-80, died Franklin Co., Tenn., 1831. He is designated as a Jr., in the Oglethorpe Co., Ga., tax records to distinguish him from another Isaac McElroy who may have been his uncle. This elder Isaac lived on Big Creek in Oglethorpe Co., later Jasper Co., Ga., and then Sumpter Co., Ala., where he died in 1850. Isaac McElroy (Jr.) married Sarah Floyd (daughter of William Floyd of Pendleton District, S.C.). The 1880 Chickasaw Co., Miss., census record of their daughter, Jane McElroy Box shows that both Isaac and Sarah were born in North Carolina. As Avington McElroy went to the Pendleton District, S.C. for a time, I believe this is where Isaac met and married Sarah Floyd. William Floyd sold his land in Pendleton District, S.C. in 1805 and went to Franklin Co., Tenn. Isaac and Sarah McElroy went to Franklin Co., Tenn., after they sold land and slaves in Oglethorpe Co., Ga., in 1808. Sarah (Floyd) McElroy is shown in the will of her father as deceased by 1821. Isaac remarried and had other children by the second wife (have been unable to find out who she was). Isaac died in Franklin Co., Tenn., 1831 - will recorded 1/15/1831. See attached will.
3. Archibald McElroy. Licensed to preach in 1812, died 1826. From 1817-1828 Methodist Church Records - Emory University Library, Atlanta, Ga.
4. Micajah (Mitchell). Listed in 1806 Georgia Land Lottery as orphan of Avington McElroy.
5. James McElroy, born before 1774. GA
6. Absolom - Deed Books 1 and 2 Wilkes Co., Joseph Wise sold 550 acres adjoining Absolom Muckleroy - 1784.
7. Sarah McElroy, b. 3/10/1782, died 6/12/1876. mar. Godfrey Hartsfield 11/1/1802 Oglethorpe Co., Ga. Godfrey Hartsfield b. 5/17/1763; d. 1/13/1846. Marriage recorded in Oglethorpe Co. Other dates taken from Godfrey Hartsfield Bible. Sarah is shown in 1850 Henry Co., Ga., census living with her son, Jefferson Spotswood Hartsfield, #1174, Dist. 42, taken Nov. 1850. Both Sarah and Godfrey Hartsfield are buried on a family plat in Henry Co. Ga. McDonough, Ga. Isaac McElroy (Jr) sold a slave to Godfrey Hartsfield when he divided them in 1808 among members of his family (see slave deed).
8. Elizabeth McElroy. In 1806 Georgia Land Lottery Elizabeth is listed with Mitchell (Micajah) McElroy as orphan of Avington McElroy. Elizabeth married Josiah Stallings (Sterling) 3/31/1814 Oglethorpe Co., Ga. In Deed Book J - 4/11/1818 Sarah (Dawson) McElroy deeded the land on Broad River which she bought from Henry Hill (this man was found in the Johnston Co., N.C. records) in 1818 to Elizabeth's children, Isaac, Sarah, Polly, James and Tempy Sterling, children of Josiah Sterling, dec'd. Elizabeth Stallings (Sterling) won land in Early Co., Ga. (1820 Land Lottery).

The marriage record of Avington Mickleroy (McElroy) and Sarah Dawson, 3/7/1770, Johnston Co., N.C. show that William Dawson (father of Sarah) and William Mickleroy (Avington's uncle) were bondsmen, and James Martin and John McIver were witnesses.

SARAH (DAWSON) McELROY, born 1750-60, died 1834-35 Oglethorpe Co., Ga., (widow of Avington McElroy) lived on Broad River, Oglethorpe Co., Ga., Hardeman's District No. 237 on the 1894 Oglethorpe Co., map. Sarah McElroy was a lucky drawer of land in the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery. She drew Lot 160 in the first district of Baldwin Co., and Lot 140 in the first land district of Wilkinson Co., Ga. These lots, each containing 202½ acres were granted to her by the State of Georgia, after she had drawn them in the Lottery on October 31, 1805. The state did not require those who were granted lots drawn in the lotteries, to live on them, cultivate them, or even see them. As some of the Oglethorpe Co., Ga., records were destroyed, I have been unable to trace the land she had from her husband's estate. It was shown in the possession of her son Billy in 1798, her son Isaac in 1801, and in her possession on or before 1815. (G4)

In Deed Book J, page 117 Sarah McElroy on April 11, 1818 bought 200 acres of land from Henry Hill "on the West side of Cloud's Creek" joined on all sides by Henry Hill (this man was found in Johnson Co., N.C., and evidently came with the McElroy family to Ga.), part of a larger tract granted by Gov. Matthews on 31 Dec. 1788. Witnesses: BILLY McELROY (Sarah's son), Elisha Ogdon, William Maxwell.

In Deed Book M, page 74, Sarah McElroy on 1 April 1827 deeds 200 acres on Broad River (this is the land she bought in 1818 from Henry Hill) to Isaac Sterling et al "for the good will and affection which I do bear unto SARAH EMELINE STERLING, POLLY STERLING, JAMES STERLING, ISAAC STERLING and TEMPY STERLING, children of JOSIAH STERLING, deceased". This land adjoined lands of William Floyd, Groves Howard and others "the same whereon I now live". (comment by Carmae Smith: These children were her grandchildren by daughter Elizabeth and her deceased husband Josiah Sterling). Tax records show that it could be STALLINGS as she shows up as ELIZABETH STALLINGS.

Sarah McElroy won 202½ acres of land in Muscogee Co., Ga., in the 1827 Georgia Land Lottery. This land was declared for taxes in 1829 Oglethorpe Co., but by 1830 it does not show up. She evidently gave this land to some of her children.

In 1807 ISAAC McELROY declares declares the land drawn in Land Lottery of 1805 in Baldwin and Wilkerson Co., Ga., for his mother, SARAH McELROY. ISAAC McELROY moved to Tennessee in 1808 and in 1809 her son BILLY McELROY declares the same land but 7 slaves are also declared. I feel that these slaves were the ones ISAAC McELROY had in 1808. A sum of \$100.00 for a number of slaves worth much more is recorded in a deed of slaves by ISAAC McElroy to members of his family. They must have reached an agreement to leave these slaves with their mother until her death. In Isaac's will dated 1831 (he died before his mother died) he states that he was entitled to some slaves from his father's estate in Georgia. See slave deed and Isaac's will.

As my tax records stop in 1809 they are not picked up again until 1825 where her son BILLY McElroy declares her land for taxes. In 1827 the land is declared for SARAH McELROY by her neighbor, Britton Stamps. In 1830, ELIZABETH STALLINGS (daughter of Sarah) declares 200 acres on Broad River for Sarah McElroy. In 1831, 1832 and 1833, Anderson McElroy who may be Billy McElroy's son - grandson of Sarah's, declared the land for Sarah McElroy. The last tax declaration was made by Sarah McKleroy, 200 acres on Broad River, granted self, adjoining Whitehead, 4 slaves, Cloud Creek District, Oglethorpe Co., Ga. As Sarah had given the land which she bought from Henry Hill in 1818 to the Sterling children, this may be the land she aquired from Isaac before he left for Tennessee. In May of 1835, Billy McElroy, son of Avington and Sarah McElroy, was appointed administrator of Sarah's estate (see attached Record of Bond). No estate settlement has been located to this date, May 1969. (GA)

In the 1830 census of Oglethorpe Co., Ga., SARAH McROY (this was the spelling used by Jane (McElroy) Box in Goodspeed's "History of Mississippi" published in 1891, page 411) is shown as being between 70 and 80 years of age, and that a number of youg children are living with her (evidently the Sterling or Stallings children).

THE WILLIAM (BILLEY) MCELROY FAMILY

William (Billey) McElroy was born 6 Feb 1773 in Goochland County, Virginia. His birth is listed in the Douglass Register as the son of "Aventoun and Sarah Dawson Muckleroy". Aventoun or Avington was son of Archibald McElroy of Johnston County, North Carolina (1719-1760), who was son of John McElroy of Cecil County, Maryland (ca1690-ca1763). Billey first appears in Oglethorpe County, Georgia records in 1797. On 26 May 1800 he married NANCY JOHNSON, daughter of THOMAS JOHNSON, a Revolutionary soldier. Billey is listed in Oglethorpe County censuses for 1800, 1820, and 1830, and in Carroll County, Georgia, in 1840 and 1850. He died in 1859 in Haralson County, Georgia (cut off from Carroll in 1856). Billey's estate was administered in Haralson County and in Calhoun County, Alabama. The Calhoun County courthouse in Anniston, Alabama, has among its papers a list of Billey McElroy's heirs as of January 9, 1861.

- I. THOMAS MCELROY, b. ca 1804, died before Billey. 1861 list mentions "Thomas McElroy's child, a female residing near Rome, Georgia, whose name is not known to affiant" 1832 Georgia Gold Lottery lists "Thomas H. Muckleroy's orphan" in Hardman's District, Oglethorpe County.
- II. ANDERSON MCELROY b. ca 1807 married NANCY WHITEHEAD, daughter of SAMUEL and SUSANNAH WHITEHEAD, in Oglethorpe County 18 Jan 1826. Anderson lived in Oglethorpe County through 1840, moved to Mississippi where his daughter Martha Jane was born, then to Carroll County Georgia. He moved to present-day Cleburne County, Alabama in 1851 and died there in 1893 according to Martha's Confederate pension application. Anderson's known children:
 1. Alphius b. 1831
 2. Mary b. 1833
 3. Frances b. 1836
 4. Susan b. 1838
 5. Elizabeth b. 1840
 6. James William b. 1842
 7. Martha Jane b. 1846
 8. Louisa b. 1849
- III. JOHNSON MCELROY b. 1808 married JANE McCURE, daughter of JOHN McCURE and MARY MCWHORTER, in Coweta County, Georgia 22 July 1831. He resided in Oglethorpe, Fayette, Paulding, and Carroll counties and lived in Haralson by 1861. In 1870 he had moved to Cherokee County, Alabama.
 1. William J. b. 1833
 2. Jackson I. b. 1835
 3. Sarah M. b. 1837
 4. James J. b. 1841
 5. Thomas A. b. 1843
 6. Martha C. b. 1846
 7. Louisa C. b. 1848
 8. Lucinda A. b. 1850
 9. Charles b. 1853
 10. Francis b. 1855
 11. Joel b. 1859
- IV. ELIZABETH MCELROY b. ca 1810, died before Billey. Married _____ PINSON. In 1861 she had "children, names not known nor ages" in Texas.
- V. WILLIAM MCELROY b. ca 1815, married MALINDA McCURE, sister of JANE (see JOHNSON MCELROY), in Coweta County 5 October 1837. They were listed in 1850 Carroll County with these children:
 1. Benjamin M. b. 1839
 2. Mary b. 1841
 3. Elizabeth b. 1844
 4. Catharine b. 1848
 5. Anderson b. 1850
- VI. NANCY MCELROY b. 1817, married LEWIS TAYLOR. Listed in 1860 Carroll County with children:
 1. James M. b. 1841
 2. Sarah b. 1843
 3. Amanda b. 1843
 4. John b. 1847
 5. Franklin b. 1851
 6. Frances b. 1852
 7. Catherine b. 1853
 8. Joseph b. 1855
 9. Benjamin b. 1857
- VII. SARAH MCELROY b. 1818 married ALFRED MCDOWELL 27 April 1837 in Carroll, lived in Cherokee County, Alabama in 1860. Known children:
 1. Sarah b. 1843
 2. Amanda b. 1847
 3. Isabella b. 1849
 4. Alfred b. 1851
 5. Nancy b. 1853
 6. Johnson b. 1857
- VIII. LOUISA MCELROY b. 1819 married MATTHEW HICKS in Carroll 12 July 1845. Lived in Calhoun County, Alabama in 1860 with children:
 1. Jasper b. 1846
 2. Andrew J. b. 1848
 3. Eliza J. b. 1858
 4. Moses b. 1859
- IX. CAROLINE MCELROY b. ca 1825 married JAMES HICKS in Carroll 21 Dec. 1843, listed in Carroll in 1860. Known children:
 1. Sarah b. 1845
 2. Margaret b. 1846
 3. Isaac C. b. 1850
 4. James M. b. 1852
 5. Nancy C. b. 1854
 6. Mary E. b. 1856
 7. William H. b. 1858