

ISAAC McELROY OF  
OGLETHORPE CO. GA., AND FRANKLIN CO. TENN.

GENERATION III.

ISAAC McELROY, born ca. 1775 in North Carolina, died 1830 (will) in Franklin Co., Tenn., was the son of Avington and Sarah (Dawson) McElroy. Isaac McElroy has been designated as a Jr. in the Oglethorpe Co., Ga., tax records to distinguish him from another Isaac McElroy, probably an uncle, who lived in the Big Creek area of Oglethorpe Co., later Jasper Co., Ga., and then Sumpter Co., Ala., where he died in 1850 and left a will.

ISAAC McELROY married SARAH FLOYD, born N.C. ca. 1770, died before 1821 in Franklin Co., Tenn. (will of William Floyd). SARAH was the daughter of WILLIAM FLOYD of North Carolina, Pendleton District, S.C. (1800 census), then Franklin Co., Tenn. It is said that William Floyd moved from Pendleton District, S.C. by 1805, when George Tubb, Jr., husband of his daughter Elizabeth, sold out and moved to Franklin Co., Tenn. Records show that Isaac's father, Avington McElroy, was in Pendleton District, S.C. prior to 1794, and I think this is where Isaac met and married Sarah Floyd. By 1796, Avington and Isaac McElroy are shown back in Oglethorpe Co., Ga. Between 1808 and 1810, ISAAC McELROY and his wife, SARAH, sell out and move to Franklin Co., Tenn. I feel that this move was motivated by Sarah so that she could be near members of her family. The will of William Floyd show that his daughter, Sarah McElroy, is deceased by 1821. (24)

Deed Book E, page 354, Oglethorpe Co., Ga. dated 6 July 1808, ISAAC McELROY made a Bill of Sale of slaves (see attached copy) to his brothers, sister, and brother-in-law. Billy, James, Avington, and Micajah (Mitchell) were his brothers, Elizabeth who married Josiah Stallings 3/31/1814 was his sister, and Godfrey Hartsfield was the husband of his sister Sarah (married 12/1/1802). ..... "Know all men by these presence that I, ISAAC McELROY, for and in consideration of one hundred dollars to me in hand ..... sell numerous slaves to wit: Darcus, Peter, Silvia, Jenny, Minton, Cook, Daniel, and young Jenny ..... to BILLY McELROY, JAMES McELROY, AVINGTON McELROY, MICAHAH McELROY, GODFREY HARTSFIELD, and ELIZABETH McELROY.

I think all of these slaves were turned over to their mother, Sarah (Dawson) McElroy at that time. The 1809 Tax Digest shows Sarah McElroy with 7 slaves (young Jenny was not old enough for tax purposes). Isaac evidently made an agreement with members of his family that after his mother died, some of the slaves were to be returned to him. See Isaac McElroy's will "entitled to slaves from his father's estate in Ga." However, Isaac died before his mother died. Isaac died 1830-31 and Sarah died 1834-35. No settlement found.

Deed Book G, page 116, Oglethorpe Co., Ga., dated 4 August 1809, ISAAC McELROY and SARAH, his wife, sell 140 acres of land to Obed Hale of Elbert Co., Ga., originally granted to Thomas Johnson. Signatures were: Isaac Muckleroy and Sarah McEleroy. See attached deed.

Deeds in Franklin County, Tenn., show that ISAAC McELROY was there by 1810. He may have gone in 1809 when he sold his land in Ga. ISAAC McELROY was a witness to a deed by William Caldwell to WILLIAM FLOYD, Franklin Co., Tenn., 1810 (see attached deed). ISAAC McELROY bought land from James Hardcastle, Franklin Co., Tenn., 150 acres for \$150.00 1/31/1811. He also bought a tract of land for \$1,000.00 from George W. Campbell 6/21/1818 (see attached deed).

ISAAC McELROY remarried sometime after his wife's death which was before 1821. I have been unable to find out her name. The 1840 Franklin Co., Tenn., shows a MRS. McELROY who is 26-45 years of age. I also found a will of one MARY McELROY, dated 13 March 1866, Will Book 1808-1876 who wills everything to her granddaughter Martha E. Syler and "her children". Mary McElroy could be the second wife of Isaac McElroy and mother of the "younger children" named in Isaac's will.

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Goodspeed's "History of Tennessee" 1886 shows "The Highlander" newspaper of Franklin Co., Tenn., was established and published in 1839 by H. Mabry. "The Winchester Independent" by Alexander R. Wiggs and George B. White from 1850-53.

Children of ISAAC and SARAH (FLOYD) McLERROY:

1. Elijah..... The 1820 Franklin Co., Tenn. census gives his age as 16-26. The 1830 Franklin Co., Tenn. census gives his age as 30-40. On 13 Jan. 1837, Elijah McElroy of Benton Co., Ala. sells land in Franklin Co., Tenn. to Felix Ake - Deed Book F, page 309, Franklin Co., Tennessee.
2. Howard ..... Evidently Howard was named after the Howard family who lived near Isaac and Sarah (Floyd) McElroy in Oglethorpe Co., Georgia.
3. Jane ..... The Box Bible, owned in 1970 by Mrs. W. R. Gann, Route 2, Woodland, Mississippi has a record of Jane's birth, marriage and death. Goodspeed's "History of Mississippi", page 411, published 1891 has this record. She was born in Oglethorpe Co., Ga., 20 May 1808; married James Chickasaw Co., Miss. James and Jane are buried in the Prospect Cemetery near Houston, Miss., where the tombstone of James can be found. In 1841, Jane had a stone, but in 1969 it had been removed. It is said that any tombstone found to be broken a few years ago, was pitched over the fence into a gully by the cemetery. Isaac McElroy's will names daughter Jane, wife of James Box. James Box is listed in the 1830 Franklin Co., Tenn. census. James and Jane Box are listed in the 1840 Tiptah Co., Miss. census, and the 1850 Chickasaw Co., Miss. census. See complete Box family data.
4. David ..... Family records show that he was born 20 April 1806 in Georgia; died Nacogdoches Co., Texas on 20 May 1869; married (1) Sarah Goodwin about 1826 in Franklin Co., Tenn., born 12 October 1807 in Tenn., died 29 July 1862, Nacogdoches, Texas; married (2) September 1, 1865, Sarah Ann Hayter Norvell. The 1830 census of Franklin Co., Tenn. shows David McElroy between the ages of 20-30, wife 20-30, one son under five years of age, and one daughter under five years of age. In Deed Book Q, page 38, Franklin Co., Tenn., J. H. Bradford of Talladga, Ala., on 22 July 1837, releases to David Muckleroy "any claim he had to an interest in the estate of Isaac McElroy of James Boxes interest". Family records show "Capt. David Muckleroy, who came to Texas in 1837, commanded a company under Col. J. Pinckney Henderson (Governor of Texas) in General Zachary Taylor's army during the Mexican War and participated in the battle of Monterey. He was a member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas and served several terms in the Texas legislature before the War Between the States. After the war he served as a member of the First Legislature, and later filled various responsible positions up to the time of his death. David Muckleroy (McElroy) lived, died, and is buried on his original headright in Nacogdoches County, Texas". Children of David Muckleroy and Sarah Goodwin were:  
Jesse H., born Tenn., 2 August 1827.  
Sarah, born Tenn., 8 September 1829.  
Alexander Johnson, born Tenn., 6 Jan. 1832.  
Elizabeth, born Tenn.  
Mary, born Tenn., 17 January 1837.  
Emily A., born Texas, 28 December 1842.  
Harriet, born Texas, 17 April 1845.  
David, born Texas, 12 November 1849.
5. Michael ..... On 20 March 1835, Michael McElroy sold to Benjamin Nevill, 81 acres in Franklin Co., Tenn., for \$150.55. Recorded 24 Feb. 1834, Deed Book N, page 405, Franklin Co., Tenn.
6. Sarah ..... Isaac McElroy's will shows that Sarah married William Arnold.
7. Isaac, Jr. ..... ) Isaac, Jr., William and Frances may be the "younger  
8. William ..... ) children" mentioned in Isaac's will who were by his  
9. Frances ..... ) second wife. His first wife died by 1820.