

RICH HILL McELROYS

About the year 1759 James McElroy, (1) b. 1738, from Rich Hill, County Armagh, Ireland, near the west line of County Down, came to America, at the age of twenty-one, and settled in Franklin County, Pa., in the valley through which flows the creek which was called then and since by the Indian name Conococheague. The early settlers there were Scotch-Irish and connected with the Seceder and Covenanter churches. There were at least two Seceder churches in that valley, known as the East and West churches. The latter was near Green-Castle. James McElroy was an only son and was m. at the early age of nineteen. Their one child, Margaret, grew to womanhood and m. a Mr. Wilson. The young mother d. of consumption, after which James sold his interest in the family estate to his brother-in-law, a Mr. Shields, and came to America.

Here he met and m. in 1768, a Miss Margaret Mays, who had come from Ireland when eleven years of age. Her people had settled at or near Baltimore, where in later years they were well known and prominent. She d. on April 6th, 1774.

James McElroy was, according to family traditions, a revolutionary soldier. It is probable that when he enlisted he sent his wife and three little boys to stay with her people at Baltimore during his absence. That proved to be the family home for a number of years. After the close of the war the tide of migration tended strongly toward Western Pennsylvania, and especially to Washington County.

James McElroy fell in with this movement, and with his family, came to Washington County, Pa., in 1784. He was related to the Knox

family of Scotland, but in what way we do not know. He d. November 20th, 1820, aged eighty-two, and was buried in the Seceder cemetery of Dr. Ramsey's church, of which he was a member, at Canonsburg, Pa.

Children of James (1) and Margaret Mays McElroy

1. John (2) b. February 8, 1770; d. September 2, 1813.  
Married, 1st., Mary Duncan; m. 2nd., Nancy Doland.
2. Alexander (2) b. April 1, 1772; m. 1st., Elizabeth McCarty; m. 2nd., Nancy White.
- x 3. James (2) b. 1774; d. 1858; m. Mary Mitchell.

James McElroy (2) b. 1774. His home was near Baltimore, where he attended an institution of learning, of which his kinsman, a Mr. Alexander Mays, was the head. He was a scholarly man, of good attainments and extensive reading. He studied medicine, but never engaged in practice, devoting himself to the life of a farmer. In 1806 he m. in Washington County, Pa., Miss Mary Mitchell, whose family were well-known and prominent people. Her father, Nathaniel Mitchell, born 1737, died 1839, served all through the Revolutionary war and for three years was one of General Washington's bodyguards. One of her sisters was the wife of the Rev. Dr. Riddell, an Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister. She was b. in 1786, and d. 1850.

After living for a time in Washington County, he removed to Ohio, locating on a farm seven miles from Steubenville, erecting a residence modeled after the Maryland home, where he passed the rest of his life. He was an intelligent man, generous and kind,

and the soul of honor, but naturally dignified and unbending. Even his children, who admired and honored him, felt something of awe in his presence. He d. in 1858, at the age of eighty-four. He and his family were members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, merged later, in the United Presbyterian Church. His grave is at Two Ridges, near Steubenville, O.

Children of James (2) and Mary Mitchell McElroy

1. Margaret (3) m. Madison Gladden. She d. 1865. They had five children.
  - (1) William (4) b. 1834. Merchant, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
  - (2) James (4) California.
  - (3) John Riddell (4) California.
  - (4) Mrs. Van Vranken (4) Tabor, Iowa.
  - (5) Serena (4) Denver, Col.
2. James (3) m. Sarah McCausland, daughter of Col. McCausland, who figured in the Mexican war, and later, a member of Congress. They had two sons and three daughters.
3. Jane (3) m. Cyrus Cunningham, of Richmond, Ohio, and d. 1862. They had two sons and eight daughters.
- x 4. Joseph (3) m. Mary Jane Lee, of Cadiz, Ohio. He was born in 1823; d. in 1863. They had two sons and three daughters. One daughter deceased.
  - x (1) Joseph Mitchell (4)
  - (2) James Lee (4)
  - (3) Anna (4)
  - (4) Florence (4)
5. John (3) m. Keziah Lewis, of Wellsburg; d. in early '90's leaving three sons.
6. Elizabeth (3) m. James Russell, of Washington County, Pa.

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Also from the aforementioned book:

An item of interest in regard to Margaret, infant daughter of James McElroy (1), of Rich Hill, who in mature years married a Wilson.

The late James Wilson, of Troy, N. Y., was probably her son. He was a native of County Armagh, his mother a McElroy. A granddaughter of his, Mrs. James H. Lobdell, resides in Chicago. A grandson, Hon. Charles R. Sligh, of Grand Rapids, is a prominent citizen of Michigan, who narrowly escaped the Governorship a few years since.

Joseph McElroy (3), born on April 11th, 1823, near Steubenville, Ohio; married Mary Jane Lee of Cadiz, Ohio, on October 9th, 1850, in Cadiz. She was born on May 16th, 1827, and died on June 11th, 1876, at forty-nine years of age, in Germano, O. He died December 4th, 1863, at the age of forty, near Steubenville, O. They had five children.

Children of Joseph (3) and Mary Jane Lee McElroy

- x 1. Joseph Mitchell (4) m. Ida Irene Winings  
2. James Lee (4) m. 1st., \_\_\_\_\_ ; m. 2nd., Bessie Ralston  
3. Anna (4) m. Richard Coleman  
4. Florence (4)  
5.

Joseph Mitchell McElroy (4), was born December 30th, 1855, and died November 8th, 1920, in Jewett, Ohio, at the age of sixty-four. He was born at Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, and spent his boyhood days near Richmond, O. United in marriage on the 27th of December, 1877, to Ida Irene Winings, who was born on January 16th, 1857, in Germano, O. She was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Case Winings. Joseph and Ida Irene McElroy spent their early married life on a farm near Germano, O., later moving to Jewett, O. She died on December 5th, 1902, at the age of forty-five, and they are both buried in the cemetery at Germano, O. They had four children, two boys and two girls. He later married Miss Jennie Herron, daughter of the Rev. Robert and Mary Hanna Herron, on October 24th, 1907. She died

in 1949, at Cadiz, O., and is also buried at Germano, O.

Children of Joseph Mitchell (4) and Ida Irene Winings McElroy

1. Mary Estella (5) m. Cortez L. Williams
2. Joseph Harold (5) m. Maude Baird
3. William Henry (5) m. Clara Jean Pratt
4. Wilma Katherine (5) m. George Johnsten Barthold

James Lee McElroy (4) married first, . They lived in New Cumberland, West Virginia. They had two children.

1. Cora(5) m. Mr. Pugh
2. Nannie (5) m. Mr. Cable

Married 2nd., Bessie Ralston, they lived in Alkanna, Ohio.

Anna McElroy (4) married Richard Coleman. They lived in Germano, Ohio, later moving to Richmond, Ohio. They had six children.

1. Walter (5) m. . They had one child.  
(1) Richard (6) m.
2. Forrest (5) m. Fannie Tice
3. Myron (5)
4. George (5)
5. Lola (5) m. Fred Ralston. They had eleven children.  
(1) Marian (6) (7) Helen (6)  
(2) Ted (6) (8) Betty (6)  
(3) Wilma (6) (9) Wade (6)  
(4) Mary Alice (6) (10) Gene (6)  
(5) Myrtle (6) (11) Tom (6)  
(6) Margaret (6)
6. Mary (5) m. Homer Dobson

Mary Estella McElroy (5) was born on October 16th, 1878; she married Cortez L. Williams on December 26th, 1901; she died on September 1936, at the age of fifty-seven. They lived in Steubenville, Ohio, and she is buried there in the Union Cemetery. They had one child.

1. Cortez (6) m. Justine Evans

Joseph Harold McElroy (5) was born on May 31st, 1881; he married Maude Baird on October 7th, 1903; he died on July 12th, 1939, at the age of fifty-eight. They resided in Carrollton, Ohio. They are both buried there in the Grandview Cemetery. They had six children.

1. Flora Irene (6)
2. Joseph William (6) m. 1st., Edna Whitten; m. 2nd., Florence Gretch; m. 3rd., Evelyn Good
3. Harold Baird (6) m. June Kingsley
4. Mary Elizabeth (6) m. Robert V. Harris
5. Lee Montgomery (6) m. Virginia Cooper
6. Ruth Joan (6) m. Burke Downer

William Henry McElroy (5) was born on July 23rd, 1883; he married Clara Jean Pratt, who was born on March 3rd, 1885; on October 11th, 1905. He died on February 1st, 1937, at the age of fifty-three. They lived their early married life in Steubenville, Ohio, later moving to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is buried in the suburb of Mayfield Heights, O., in Knollwood Cemetery. They had two children.

1. William Henry (6)
2. Beatrice Marguerite (6) m. Eugene R. Palls

Wilma Katherine McElroy (5) was born on October 3rd, 1897, in Jewett, Ohio. She married George Johnston Barthold on September 3rd, 1924. They have lived their married life in Steubenville, Ohio, where they are at present residing.

Cortez Williams (6) was born on October 16th, 1902, in Steubenville, Ohio. He married Justine Evans. He died on March 4th, 1968, and is buried in Rochester, N. Y. They had three children.

1. Cortez E. (7) m. Violetta Muller
2. Gloria Jean (7) m. W. W. Novak
3. Joy (7) m. L. P. Tierney

Flora Irene McElroy (6) was born in 1904; she died in 1914.

Joseph William McElroy (6) was born on September 16th, 1905. He died May 7th, 1967. He married first Edna Whitten, who was born in 1906; died in 1930. They had one child.

1. Vivian (7) m. Robert Morgan Cole  
Married 2nd., Florence Tretch  
Married 3rd., Evelyn Good; they had three children.

1. Joseph (7) b. December 5, 1952
2. David (7) b. April 12, 1960
3. Helen (7) b. October 1961

Harold Baird McElroy (6) was born on October 10th, 1910. He married June Kingsley on December 31st, 1936. They reside in Carrollton, Ohio. They have three children.

1. James Lee (7) m. Annette Piazza
2. Marilyn June (7)
3. Joseph Harold (7) m. Rebecca Keep



Mary Elizabeth McElroy (6) was born on October 6th, 1912. She married Robert W. Harris on August 16th, 1936. They reside in Morenci, Michigan. They have two children.

1. Robert McElroy (7) m. Constance LeFaive
2. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) (7) m. Richard A. LeFaive

Lee Montgomery McElroy (6) was born on August 15th, 1915. He married Virginia Cooper on June 21st, 1941. They reside in Carrollton, Ohio. They have two children.

1. Richard (7) m. Pamela Harris
2. Patricia (7) m. Daryl Locke

Ruth Joan McElroy (6) was born on November 28th, 1919. She married Burke Downer on January 14th, 1949. They reside in Morenci, Michigan.

William Henry McElroy (6) was born on May 9th, 1908. He resides in East Cleveland, Ohio. *Died Aug. 14, 1976*

Beatrice Marguerite McElroy (6) was born on August 14th, 1913. She married Eugene Russell Falls, who was born on August 24th, 1910, on August 10th, 1934. They reside in South Euclid, Ohio. They have two children.

1. Patricia Anne (7) m. Richard E. Timm
2. Victoria Ellen (7)

Cortez E. Williams (7) was born on March 27th, 1923. He married Violetta Muller. He died on April 7th, 1969, at the age of forty-six. He is interred in the Willamette National Cemetery. The family resides in Spokane, Washington. Their children are:

1. Vincent Cortez (8) b. April 9, 1947
2. David Gerard (8) b. June 11, 1951
3. Alan Evans (8) b. August 30, 1953

Gloria Jean Williams (7) was born on January 14th, 1929. She married H. W. Novak. They reside in Port Orchard, Washington. They have two children.

1. Nancy Joy (8) b. December 20, 1950
2. Cheryl Jean (8) b. September 18, 1954

Joy Williams (7) was born on February 5, 1933. She married I. P. Tierney. They reside in San Bernardino, California. They have two children.

1. Michael Patrick (8) b. January 17, 1954
2. Jeffrey Dexter (8) b. September 20, 1956

Vivian McElroy (7) was born on September 16th, 1927. She married Robert Morgan Cole, who was born on September 29th, 1927, on February 25, 1948. They reside in East Palestine, Ohio. They have two children.

1. Robert Harold (8) b. April 25, 1949
2. Phillip William (8) b. July 19, 1953

James Lee McElroy II (7) was born on March 18th, 1938. He married <sup>1st</sup> Annette Biaggio on January 28th, 1961. They reside in Edinboro, Pennsylvania. They have three children.

- 1. Michelle (8) b. September 3, 1964
- 2. Scott James (8) b. August 2, 1965
- 3. Elise (9) b. April 12, 1967

*Married 2nd Sandra — Dec. 28, 1977*

Marilyn June McElroy (7) was born on October 31, 1941.

She resides in Gypsum Falls, Ohio. *m. James Hallway June 22 1974, 1 child adopted James Eric Loran Dec 21, 1978*

Joseph Harold McElroy II (7) was born on February 4th, 1944.

He married <sup>1st</sup> Rebecca Kempton August 7th, 1967. Their temporary address is San Antonio, Texas (U. S. Air Force). They have

*two one children*

- 1. Michael Francis (8) b. February 2, 1969

*2. Matthew (8) b. [unclear] Married 2nd Kathy [unclear] 1977*

Robert McElroy Harris (7) was born on January 15th, 1940.

He married Constance LeFaive on July 3rd, 1967. They reside in South Lyon, Michigan. They have one child.

- 1. Tobin John (9) b. January 31, 1968
- 2. JASON CHARLES (8) b. Nov. 6, 1970

Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Harris (7) was born on May 14th, 1942. She married Richard A. McFaive on November 21st, 1964. They reside in Cavite City, Philippine Islands, where he is stationed with the U. S. Navy. They have one child.

- 1. Kenneth Robert (9) b. December 30, 1966
- 2. RUTH ELIZABETH (8) b. SEPT. 23, 1969

Richard McElroy (7) was born on January 16th, 1947. He married Pamela Harris on June 15th, 1967. They reside in Canton, Ohio.

*3 children*  
1. Matthew - (8) 5-19-70  
2. Michael - (8) - 6-10-72

Patricia McElroy (7) was born on September 8th, 1948. She married Daryl Locke on June 17th, 1968. They reside in Naperville, Illinois.

*3 children*  
Jay (8) - 1-8-72  
Wynona Nicole (8) b. 6/2/74  
Nesley Andrew (8) b. May 8, 1977

Patricia Anne Ralls (7) was born on March 21st, 1936. She married Richard H. Timm on January 2nd, 1960. They reside in Streetsboro, Ohio. They have three children.

1. Steven Eric (8) b. December 23, 1960
2. Richard Herman (8) b. September 11, 1963
3. Judith Andrea (8) b. August 18th, 1966

Victoria Ellen Ralls (7) was born on March 22nd, 1953. She resides in South Euclid, Ohio. *Married*

Key:

x before name, how related  
( ) after name, denotes generation

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Harold Baird McElroy (6)  
Vivian McElroy Cole (7)  
Gloria Williams Novak (7)

Correction

Chase instead of Case

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Ida Irene Winings was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Chase Winings.