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....HISTORY....

OF THE



# MCGOY FAMILY



FROM THE

Settlement of THOMAS McCOY in Pine  
township, Mercer county, Pa., in the  
year 1797, to the Centennial  
Reunion of the fam-  
ily, Aug. 19,  
1897.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



JOHN H. MCCOY,

HISTORIAN.

A descendant of the John McCoy branch of the family, and a son of James Madison McCoy. Married Alice P. Brown, October 30th, 1879. Two children, James Howard and Robert P.

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History of the McCoy family read at their reunion on the old homestead, September 19, 1889, in Pine township, Mercer county, Pa., from 1754 up to present date, as near correct as possible to gather from different sources:

Thomas McCoy, the father of the present generation, was born in the State of Virginia (now West Virginia), near Martinsburg, Berkley county, in the year 1754, and died Oct. 13, 1810, aged 56 years. He was of Scotch origin.

Catherine Park, his wife, was also born in Virginia in a fort, to which her parents had flown for protection, during the French and Indian war of 1754. In her early infancy she was afflicted with a scrofulous sore, which had brought her within the grasp of death, when a friendly squaw, who had been visiting the fort, wanted to take the child out to their camp, protesting she could cure her. Finally the parents consented, and the squaw took her once a day for a week and cured her, not leaving a scar where the sore had been. She was reared on a plantation, her father owning one and a number of slaves. At his death she inherited her share of the slaves, which she liberated before she emigrated to Pennsylvania. She died Oct. 20, 1828, aged 74 years.

Thomas McCoy, his wife and family, emigrated to Penn-

sylvania and settled in Pine township, Mercer county, in the year 1797, on the old homestead on which we are assembled as a reunion of the family. They died, leaving a family of seven sons and three daughters:

Ruth McCoy—Born May 15, 1777; died when young.

Joseph McCoy, the oldest son, born Nov. 24, 1779, and married Isabella Craig. He died in 1820, aged 41 years. The whole number of his descendants now living is 108, being an increase of 33 since our first reunion in 1879.

John McCoy—Born Jan. 8, 1781; died April 8, 1840, aged 59 years. He married Rachel Powell. The number of his descendants now living is 115, a gain of 27.

James McCoy—Born Nov. 24, 1784; died May 5, 1835. He married Margaret Craig. Living descendants, 58; a gain of 9.

Hugh McCoy—Born July 11, 1787; died in the South.

Thomas McCoy—Born Jan. 23, 1790; died Oct. 16, 1868, aged 78 years. He married Jane McConnell. Descendants now living, 165; a gain of 64.

William McCoy—Born Oct. 23, 1792; died in infancy.

Elizabeth McCoy—Born Dec. 22, 1793; died August 18, 1847. She was married to John Daugherty. Descendants now living, 48; a gain of 14.

William McCoy—Born Oct. 30, 1796; died Dec. 20, 1866. He married Jane Gilmore. Descendants living, 116; a gain of 48.

Polly Park McCoy—Born Nov. 29, 1799; died September, 1874, aged 75 years. She was married to Samuel White, Esq. Descendants now living, 21; a gain of 6.

The total number of descendants living and accounted for up to date is 631, an increase of 201 members since the first reunion in 1879. In the last ten years there has been 67 marriages, 175 births and 47 deaths in the family. This is as near correct as we can get it, as the committees assisting in taking the census were very diligent and careful in their estimates and reports.

Among the grown up and older of our dead, nearly all of whom have met with us on former reunions, I would

respectfully mention the names of Aunt Jane McCoy, Katy Gilmore, Ruth Ann Clark, John P. McCoy, Wm. T. McCoy and Eleanor McConnell. They have run their race and been gathered to their fathers. It forcibly calls to our minds the importance of being prepared for death, as it is inevitable that many who are here to-day and others who are numbered with this family will be called hence before the next reunion may be held.

Twenty-six members have served their country as soldiers, three in the war of 1812 and twenty-three in the war of the Rebellion. Their names are: Jackson McCoy, J. J. McCoy, Jos. P. McCoy; A. J. McCoy, crippled from exposure in prison; Thomas McCoy, wounded; Calvin McCoy, killed; David McCoy; Joseph McCoy, Sr., killed; Lewis B. McCoy, died in service; Joseph McCoy; Lewis C. McCoy, Sr., wounded; George W. McCoy, killed; Joseph Calvin McCoy, killed; Wm. Harrison McCoy; William G. McCoy, died of typhoid fever; Perry Daugherty, died; Alfred Gilmore; John Gilmore, Wm. J. Johnson, wounded; Charles C. Johnson, died; Lewis A. Johnson; Lewis Mitchell, Jas. B. White.

These twenty-three men served in the Union army of the Rebellion of 1861-5. Seven were killed and died and four wounded. The living were all honorably discharged and returned to their homes. John, James and Thomas McCoy served in the war of 1812. John and James ranked as majors.

It is now about ninety-two years since Great Grandfather McCoy built his log cabin in the forest very near where Jackson McCoy's house now stands. It was roofed with clapboards, was rude and rough, not having the fine artistic appearance of the buildings of to-day.

In conversation with Miss Mary White she related many incidents of stories of early times, as told by the old grand-mamma to her mother, of how they hung their meat to the rafters of their cabin, of how the panthers would frequently come prowling around attracted by the scent of the meat; how the men would have to stand guard at night and occasionally shoot at them. She had heard her speak of the

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red spring, of carrying water from the back spring, how she and the girls put up the harvest, assisted only by William, then a mere boy, while the other boys were at Erie in 1812. Many other events might be mentioned; I merely mention these to call to mind the danger, privations and hardships they had to contend with. There was no market, Pittsburg not being in existence or small at that time. The roads were bridle paths through the woods. The land had to be cleared before they could plant so much as a potato patch. Their meat consisted of wild game, to be trapped or secured by the trusty rifle. When we contemplate this condition of affairs, who are surrounded by cleared up farms, all kinds of machinery, turnpike roads, railroads, towns, stores, churches and schools, postoffices and all kinds of modern improvements, we can form but a faint idea of the hard times and struggles of those early pioneer settlers.

The family is scattered over different states, although the most of them are settled in Pennsylvania. Their occupations are farming, all kinds of mechanics and merchants, school teachers and laborers. In general their standing in society is good. In politics we have democrats and republicans. Prominent among them is the Hon. H. C. McCoy, who has served in the state legislature. In ecclesiastical affairs, some of them belong to the Presbyterian church, some to the United Presbyterian church, others to the Methodist church and a few to the Church of God.

Although we have a medley of professions, we have produced as yet no men of national distinction; still we rise above mediocrity, and holding to the principle that all men are free and equal, we claim no pre-eminence over our neighbors and allow no superiority, and extend to all who have met with us to-day the right hand of fellowship, peace and good will.

JOHN H. MCCOY,

Sept. 19, 1889.

Grove City, Mercer County, Pa.

## .....HISTORY.....

FROM

September 19, 1889, to August 19, 1897.

Having been elected at our reunion of Sept. 21, 1895, held in the grove of the late Thomas J. McCoy, to act as historian of the McCoy family for this centennial reunion, I appreciate the honor conferred and the responsibility that follows: In taking up the thread of our history it is necessary to go back to 1889 to see what our numbers were then and are now, beginning with the children of the first Thomas McCoy, who has already been mentioned. For the benefit of the living and those who may follow us, I will now give the names of the next generation and of his grandchildren in the order of their families, who they married, and the number of descendants of each branch of his family:

**JOSEPH MCCOY**—Married to Isabella Craig. The following are their descendants:

**Thomas**—Married Sarah Smith. Descendants now living, 37.

**John**—Married Peggy Richmond. Descendants now living, 22.

**Nancy**—Married David Johnson. She died April 2, 1893. Descendants now living, 17.

**Hiram**—Married Sarah McCallen, Harriet McCallen. He died Oct. 21, 1893. Descendants now living, 31.

**William**—Married Martha Russell. He died Feb. 24, 1894. Descendants now living, 5.

**Hugh**—Married Isabella Gilmore. Descendants now living, 17.

Elizabeth—Married Robert Mitchell, ~~son~~ Black. She died Jan. 22, 1895. Descendants now living, 8.

David—Married Mary Duffield. Descendants now living, 6.

Lewis—Married Jane Hanna. Descendants now living, 5.

There has been 15 deaths in this family. Total now living, 148, being an increase of 40 since 1889.

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JOHN MCCOY—Married to Rachel Powell. The following are their descendants:

Joseph—Married Nancy Neall.

Catherine—Married Jas. Gilmore, J. Williamson.

Jane—Married Thomas Gilmore.

Polly—Married William Smith.

Thomas J.—Married Nancy Gilmore.

Ruth A.—Married Harry Clark.

Rachel—Married Samuel Taylor.

Elizabeth—Married Gabriel Reep.

John P.—Married Mariah Taylor.

James Madison—Married Rebecca Jane Coulter.

Matilda—Married Samuel Reep.

James Madison McCoy is the only survivor of this large family. The family now numbers 147, a gain of 32 since Sept 19, 1889.

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JAMES MCCOY—Married to Margaret Craig. The following are their descendants:

Polly—Married James McConnell. Descendants now living, 13.

Eleanor—Married Francis McConnell. Descendants now living, 18.

James C.—Married Agnes Dunwoody. Descendants now living, 3.

Oliver P.—Married Jane Brunton. Descendants now living, 6.



Vance—Married Elmyra Taylor. Descendants now living, 15.

H. H.—Married Mary A. Smith. Descendants now living, 21.

Andrew J.—Married Lizzie McCreary. Descendants now living, 9.

Margaret.

The whole number of this family now living is 85, a gain of 27 since 1889.

HUGH MCCOY—Went South, married and had two sons. They are all dead.

THOMAS MCCOY—Married Jane <sup>McC</sup>Connell. Number of children born, 12; now living, 5. The following are their descendants:

Eleanor—Married George Reed, now deceased. Number of children living, 9; grandchildren, 28; married into the family, 7; total, 45.

Martha—Married James Dowry, now deceased. Number of children living, 6; grandchildren, 22; great-grandchildren, 2; married into the family, 8; total, 38.

Parks, deceased—Married Sarah Ann Taylor. Children living, 5; total, 6.

Mary, deceased—Married Robert Dunlap. Children living, 1; grandchildren, 1; total, 2.

Jane, now deceased.

William Hughs—Married Nancy Jane Fulton. Number of children, 5, now living, 3; grandchildren, 10; married into the family, 4; total now living, 19.

Sarah—Married Joseph Daugherty, deceased. Number of children living, 6; grandchildren, 9; married into the family, 3; total number living, 19.

Julia, deceased—Married John Daugherty. Children now living, 4; grandchildren, 6; married into the family, 2; total now living, 13.

Emily, deceased—Married Samuel Braham, deceased. Number children living, 1; grandchildren, 3; total now living, 4.

Emily McCoy-Braham, deceased — Married John Daugherty. Children living, 5; grandchildren, 6; married into the family, 3; total now living, 14.

John J.—Married Mary Ann McCreery. Children now living, 7; grandchildren, 17; married into the family, 5; total now living, 31.

**JOSEPH P. MCCOY**—Married to Elizabeth Anderson. No. of children now living, 4; grandchildren, 3; total now living, 10; the total number of this branch of the family now living is 206; total, not including the Daughertys, 160; married in to the family, 1.

**ELIZABETH Mickey MCCOY**—Married John<sup>2</sup> Daugherty.

The following are her descendants:

Aun—Married Samuel Montgomery.

Catherine—Married Hugh Gilmore.

Watson—Married Miss Perry, Mary Kerr.

John—Married Julia McCoy, Emily Braham McCoy and Margaret White.

Joseph—Married Sarah McCoy.  
McCoy.

Polly—Married John Dunn.

Total number of her descendants in 1897, 105.

**WM. MCCOY**—Married Jane Gilmore. No. of children living, 9; dead, 1. The following are their descendants:

Joseph—Married Caroline Fulton. Their descendants as far as known, 17.

John—Margaret Shaw, Jane Nutt. No. of descendants now living by first marriage, 9; by second marriage, 11; total, 21.

Catherine—Married David Mortimer. Descendants now living, 34.

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- Mary A.—Married Jas. T. Graham. Descendants living, 14.  
 Lucinda J.—Married Lemuel Mortimer. Descendants living, 6.  
 Thomas—Married Angeline Thomas. Descendants living, 2.  
 Jackson—Married Belle Johnson. Descendants living, 6.  
 Lizzie C. — Married Robert McBride. Descendants living, 8.  
 William P.—Married to Lyza Mortimore. Descendants living, 8.  
 James P.—Married to Elizabeth Graham.

Whole number of the descendants of Wm. McCoy now living as far as known August 19, 1897, is 137, a gain of 10 since our last reunion.

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- POLLY PARK MCCOY—Married Samuel White, Esq.  
 Rachel—Married Samuel Crawford.  
 Thomas—Married Sara Miller.  
 James B.  
 Mary.

Whole number of descendants now living, 27, a gain of 6 since 1889.

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According to the above statistics the McCoy family at this time numbers 819 persons, a gain of 184 since 1889 and a gain of 388 since 1879, only 13 short of doubling their numbers in eighteen years. This is certainly obeying the scriptures found in Gen. 1:28.

During the last eight years the hand of death has taken away many of our number who have always attended these reunions and some of whom had taken an active part in conducting them. Prominent among them being the Hon. Hiram C. McCoy, who always had something to say and did his part well. In his time he served in the legislature and as associate judge of the Butler court.

Without attempting to make a list of our dead, some

of our old and well-known members who have passed away are: Thomas J. McCoy and wife, Nancy; William McCoy and his wife, Nancy Johnston, Elizabeth Mitchell, Park McCoy, Mary Dunlap, Jane McCoy. They lived, serving their day and generation, and were honored and respected.

I am well aware of the fact that a historian should be truthful and give the facts just as they are known to him. This I have tried to do. The time to prepare this work, on account of delays in receiving reports, has been so limited that I cannot give this history as I would like to. The good deeds and shortcomings of this large family will have to be the work of some other historian.

Our people will compare favorably with other communities, and we should be thankful that we live in a land of liberty and self-government by the people, and that we are straight-out American citizens and not trying to trace our origin to any petty prince or other foreign land; and that we live in a country where we do not have to bow down to the will of either king or priest, but where the people are sovereign and they can worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and exercise the right of political franchise as they may think best.

Hoping that this history may be of some use to some future historian, I respectfully dedicate this work to the McCoy family.

August 19, 1897.

JOHN H. M'COY.



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GRANDCHILDREN  
of  
BRICE BURLINGAME McCOY

RAYHAWK, Cheryl Leann, born 7 February, 1960 at Bellflower, California.

RAYHAWK, Wendy Jolene, born 12 August 1962 at Bellflower, California.

LINDSAY, Bill Leon Jr., Born 28 July 1968 at Bellflower, California.

LINDSAY, Mark Matthew, born 10 April 1972 at Bellflower, California.

McCoy  
Don by Edna  
Richards