

James McCoun , born 1717, (son of James McCoun and Molly Campble) came from Antrim Co., Ireland to Virginia when a young man, landed at Norfolk in 1742. Married in 1744 Margaret Walker, who came to America about the same time with her sister Mary and brother Samuel Walker. They lived with their uncle Thomas Clark, father of Gen. George Rogers Clark. She was said to be a "remarkably handsome neat Irish girl" James McCoun and Margaret left their habitation on Catawba & Sinking Creek, Bottetourt Co., Va., Aug. 17, 1779 , and started with all their families and property packed on horses, and came through the wilderness path ( crossing at Cumberland Gap) to Kentucky. and on Oct. 1, arrived at James McAfee's spring on Salt River, Mercer Co., Ky. James McCoun's will is recorded in Will Bk. 2 pages 199,200,201, Dated Apr. 26, 1800, Probated Oct. Court 1800. He died Oct. 4, 1800 , 83 years old, Margaret died June 3, 1784 and Rev. David Rice preached her funeral. In Register of the Ky. State Hist. Society, Vol 25, No 73 " Life and Time of Robert B. McAfee" he states on page 9 ". My grandfather James McCoun was a person of ordinary size, about 5ft. 9 or 10 inches high, heavy made, and became fleshy before he died in 1800. Grey eyes heavy eyebrows, finely rounded forehead, a man of extraordinary strong mind, with a great fund of cheerfulness and good humor in which the Irish character predominated. He was an excellent farmer and great economist and fond of his friends and much attracted to his sons, especially the eldest. He could never get clear of his idea of primogeniture and was a Presbyterian of the Seceder denomination.

Children of James and Margaret(Walker) McCoun.

1. James , b. Mar. 1, 1745, m. Nancy Tilford -
2. Ann, b. Aug. 1, 1746, m. Dec. 10. 1766  
Robert McAfee
3. Samuel , b. Oct. 20, 1748, died young unmarried
4. Mary, b. Aug. 13, 1750, m. John Magee, moved to Monroe Co., Mo. , died 1837
5. Susanna , b. April 7, 1752, m. James McCoun  
( no relative) from S. Carolina.
6. John, b. Mar. 28, 1754, m. Elizabeth Tilford  
sister of James! wife.
7. Jane, b. May 1, 1756, m. James Wood, and  
m(2) Samuel Adams
8. Margaret, b. April 15, 1758, m. -----Kerr.
9. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 7, 1761, m. James Ledgerwood
10. Joseph, b. Feb. 19, 1763, taken prisoner by the Indians 1780 and burned to the stake .

James McCoun's will date April 26, 1800, probated Oct. Ct. 1800  
Mercer Co., Ky. Will Bk. 12, page 199, 200, 201  
names sons John, James (deceased)  
daughters, Mary, Jane, Susannah (deceased)  
and Betsey (deceased)  
grandsons, James, (son of James)  
John McCoun (son of dau. Susannah)  
Samuel Walker Kerr  
Moses McCoun  
Samuel McAfee (son of Robert McAfee)  
Ex. son John McCoun and grandson James McCoun.  
Wit. John Armstrong Jr., John Armstrong Sr.,  
Robert Armstrong.

*mar. Tilford*  
Will of James McCoun (son of James and Margaret (Walker) McCoun)  
Will Bk. 1, page 44. date Aug. 31, 1790  
probated in Dec. Court 1790. Mercer Co., Ky.  
names wife Ann. *mar. Rice. dau. of Eld. Rice who preached funeral*  
sons, James, John, David *mar. a Toward.*  
daughters, Elizabeth, Ann, Margaret, Mary.  
Ex. sons James and John McCoun  
Wit. John Armstrong, Ann McAfee, James Ledgerwood  
and Robert Armstrong.

*She says this James  
is a son in law*  
James McCoun's will (son-in-law of James and Margaret McCoun)  
date June 26, 1800, probated Nov. Court, 1800  
Will Bk. 2, page 216, 217, (note his will is probated  
one month after his father-in-law's) Mercer Co., Ky  
names. 5 sons, Moses, John, James, Alexander, Samuel  
3 dau., Margaret, Agnes, Jane (when she comes  
of age) *these are new to me.*  
Ex. Edward Smith and son John McCoun  
Wit. Andrew Wilson and Edward Smith  
Apprs. William Adams Jr., William Adams Sr., and  
Thomas Wilson.

States Moses is to have bond which he lodged with  
James Wear in Rockbridge Co., Va.

Appraisement of John McCoun, Nov. 18, 1800 Mercer Co., Ky  
Apprs. Samuel McAfee, Robt. McCamey, Koert Voorhies  
Abraham Sharp.  
Adms. James McCoun.  
Page 318-319 Bk 2.

*Nancy Tilford*

John McCoun, son of James McCoun and Susannah McCoun, and grandson of James McCoun and Margaret Walker. was named in both the wills of his father and grandfather.

*Here is where she looks up wrong - yes*

Married in Mercer Co., Ky., Aug. 14, 1793, Nancy Slaughter, her father Robert Slaughter gives consent.

We know that John McCoun was dead by Oct. 23, 1802 because in Deed Bk. 5, page 54, Mercer Co., Ky is the following:

" Commrs. for the heirs of John McCoun, deceased, make deed to John Gibson. convey 100 acres to Gibson in exchange for 100 acres in Franklin Co. (McCoun heirs now infants) They were James, Polly, <sup>or Mary</sup> Robert, John and Turley, all of Mercer Co. Samuel McCoun, Esq., their guardian. Witness were David McCoun and Elizabeth McCoun "

*Nancy Slaughter mar. 2nd time to Thos. Samuel buried in this Co.*

In Will Bk 5, page 255 .

James McCoun Jr., Robert C. T. McCoun, John McCoun, Jr., Margaret P. McCoun, and Leonard T. McCoun, heirs of John McCoun.

Samuel McCoun, Esq. guardian  
Commrs. present were Gabriel Slaughter and Augustine Slaughter.

*no record of him.*

( Note. Samuel McCoun was a brother of the children's father and the Gabriel Slaughter and Augustine were uncles on their mother's side. Gabriel Slaughter was Gov. of Ky.)

Leonard Turley McCoun, (son of John and Nancy (Slaughter) McCoun grandson of James McCoun and Susannah McCoun, gr-grandson of James McCoun and Margaret Walker.)

*Don't understand this either if he was son of John & Nancy S. he would have been bro to Jas, John Robt, and Thos. Clay Hist. says their bro Turley d. unmarried.*

was born Nov. 16, 1800, in Mercer Co. Ky. which shows he was quite an infant at his father's death. This date is taken from our Curd family bible.

He married June 7, 1821 Mercer Co., Ky Sophia Weston Curd, b. 11794 Mercer Co., Ky she died Mar. 1878, daughter of Newton Curd and Ann Elizabeth Hatcher.

Leonard Turley McCoun died Mar. 26, 1822 one month before his only child was born

The following record is found in Mercer Co., Ky

" The Clerk of the Mercer County Court is hereby authorized to issue a license for the marriage of Leonard T. MacCoun with Sophia Curd given under my hand & seal this 4th day of June 1821

Samuel Maccoun  
Guardian for the heirs  
of John Maccoun, Decd.

Wit.  
Thos Allen Jr  
Wm. Wood.

The marriage bond was signed on June 7, 1821 by Leonard T. MacCoun and William Wood.

Rebecca Ann McCoun, (only child of Leonard Turley McCoun and his wife Sophia Weston Curd, granddaughter of John McCoun and Nancy (Slaughter) McCoun, gr-granddaughter of James McCoun and Susannah McCoun, and gr-gr-granddaughter of James McCoun and Margaret Walker) born April 25, 1822, in Mercer Co., Ky. (one month after the death of her father.) died Mar. 25, 1901.

*she could be assigned here but not gr. dam. of John & Nancy S. right - here is the error or whatever it is.*

Married Capt. Robert Slaughter Curd, (born 1820 died a prisoner of War Aug. 14, 1864. son of Joseph Curd and his second wife Mildred Slaughter

*I have a Mildred S. sister of Nancy married a Curd also a sister Fanny mar. a Curd.*

Alexander Curd, (son of Capt Robert Slaughter Curd and Rebecca Ann McCoun,) born Apr. 4, 1845, Mercer Co., Ky married Jan. 8, 1866 Clarendon, Calhoun Co., Mich Laura Phidelia Wells, b. Mar. 2, 1845, d. Feb. 6, 1917 in Danville, Boyle Co., Ky. Alexander Curd died Mar. 30, 1924, Danville, Ky. They are both buried in Mercer Co., Ky in the cemetery at Shawnee Run Baptist Church. (Laura Phidelia Wells is the dau of Green Wells and Sylvia Bitley)

Cora Weston Curd (dau . of Alexander Curd and Laura Phidelia Wells ) born Aug. 20, 1877, Mercer Co., Ky. married Dec. 12, 1893 Fayette Co., Ky Lexington: James William Bland, born May 8, 1866, died Oct. 7, 1940. son of Alexander Bland and Mary Alford) of Garrard Co., Ky.)

Their children

Eunice Cora Bland, born Nov. 29, 1897  
May Jessamine Bland, b. July 5, 1899  
m. Roland M. James.

*John & Nancy S. sister Mildred S. Curd  
Leonard T. Robt. S Curd  
Rebecca cousins Alex Curd  
This is not unusual in Mc. family.*

## Maccorm Family.

The first one of this family, of which there is any record was James' Maccorm.

James Maccorm was born in Scotland in the year 1601. He was married to Margaret Hamilton and emigrated to Ireland in 1672, living at Bally Mc Moor, he died March 12<sup>th</sup> 1706 and a resting place can be seen in churchyard at Macaline in County Down (or Down) which was destroyed by Cromwell. The children of James Maccorm and Margaret (Hamilton) Maccorm were:-

- i<sup>2</sup> Gilbert, Baptized, Dec. 1, 1626
- ii Jean, .. Mar. 3, 1629
- iii Minerva .. June 5, 1631, m. to Geo. James
- iv Agnes .. Feb. 2., 1634
- v James<sup>2</sup> .. Jan. 22, 1637.

2 James<sup>2</sup> (James<sup>1</sup>) was born in Linlithgowshire, Scotland, and was married to Elizabeth Montgomery, of Lanshire; he emigrated to Ireland with his parents in 1672, and was a soldier under William the Third and was killed in the Battle of Bayne (or Boyne) in 1690. The children of James and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Maccorm were

- i<sup>3</sup> Samuel, who died Feb. 24, 1728
- ii James

3 James<sup>3</sup> (James<sup>2</sup>) (James<sup>1</sup>) was born in Linlithgowshire Scotland, 1660, and emigrated with his parents

and grand parents to Ireland in 1672, and lived in  
 Macelisa, County of Down; he was a soldier under  
 William the Third, and was married to Mary Campbell  
 of Lochoo, Ireland. he was buried April 7, 1735. The  
 children were:-

- i James, Baptized Oct. 28 - 1716
- ii Anne, " Apr. 7 - 1718
- iii Susan, " 1722
- iv John, " 1725

✓ 4 James<sup>(James<sup>3</sup>)(James<sup>2</sup>)(James<sup>1</sup>)</sup> Macconn was born in Macalin Parish, County  
 of Down, Ireland 1716, and emigrated to Newcastle,  
 Delaware, America, in 1742 where he married to  
 Margaret Walker 1743. They moved to Virginia  
 and settled in Bottetourt county, then moved to  
 Kentucky in 1779 with the McAffer company and  
 settled in the Salt river country, now Mercer Co.  
 but returned to Va. and gave his services to the  
 Revolutionary Cause, serving in Capt. John Peyton's  
 company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Va. Regiment, commanded by Col.  
 Thomas Marshall, for which service he received  
 five hundred acres of land in Hardin Co. Ky.  
 He died in 1780. The children of James and  
 Margaret (Walker) Macconn were:-

- i James<sup>(5)(Jas.<sup>4</sup>)(Jas.<sup>3</sup>)(Jas.<sup>2</sup>)(Jas.<sup>1</sup>)</sup>
- ii Anne born Aug. 1746, m. Robert McAffer 1760
- iii Samuel .. Oct. 20 1748
- iv Mary .. Aug. 13 1750 .. John McGee
- v Susan .. April, 7 - 1752 .. James Macconn of S. C.
- vi John .. Mar. 28 1754 .. Elizabeth Tilford and was

a soldier in the Revol. war in the Infantry, Va. State line and received two hundred acres of land on little Hammonds crik, Hardin Co. Ky. 1784. a desc., Jas. Macconn lived at Farnell. Ky. in 1903.

vii Jane, born May 1-1756, m. John Wood

viii Margaret .. Apr. 15, 1758 .. a Mr. Ross

ix Elizabeth .. Feb. 5, 1761 .. John Edgewood

x Joseph .. Feb. 19, 1762 was kidnapped by Indians while attending cattle, and was carried to near what is now, Springfield, Ohio. where he was tied and burned at the stake 1780. This so grieved his mother that she soon died; her funeral was the first held in that county and was preached by "Father" Rice.

5 James<sup>5</sup> James<sup>4</sup> (Jas.<sup>3</sup>) (Jas.<sup>2</sup>) (Jas.<sup>1</sup>) Macconn was born in Botetourt Co. Va, Mar. 11-1745 and was married to Nancy<sup>(Annt)</sup> Wilford. he was a Revol. soldier, serving as sargent in Infantry, Va. State line, as private in Capt. Nathan Roland's Co. 14<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. enlisting Jan. 16-1777 and serving three yrs., transferred to the 10<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. Mar. 1779, and was granted One Thousand acres of land for three years service. He moved to Kentucky in 1782 and purchased Fourteen hundred acres of land three fourths mile above Hammonds crik in Jefferson Co. and fourteen hundred acres on both sides of Salt River. He died in 1789, his will was probated at Harrodsburg Ky. Dec. 1790 and gives as his legates, his wife Ann, and children:-

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|---|-------------|
| 6 i James <sup>6</sup> (Jas. <sup>5</sup> ) (Jas. <sup>4</sup> ) (Jas. <sup>3</sup> ) (Jas. <sup>2</sup> ) (Jas. <sup>1</sup> ) | vi Margaret |
| 7 ii John   | vii Mary.   |
| 8 iii David   |             |
| iv Elizabeth  |             |
| v Anne  |             |

## Mac Coum

1. James' Mac Coum, the first of the name I have any account of, was born in Scotland in the year 1601; He was married to Margaret Hamilton and emigrated to Ireland in the year 1672, living at Bally Mc Moor, he died Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> 1706. Ancestry can be seen in churchyard at Macalin in County Down (or Doru) which was destroyed by Cromwell.

The children of James and Margaret [Hamilton]

Mac Coum were :-

- i Gilbert, Baptized Dec. 1, 1626
  - ii Jean .. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1629
  - iii Minerva .. June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1631, m. to Ged Samier
  - iv Agnes .. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1634
  - 2 v James .. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1637
2. James Maccoum, <sup>(James!)</sup> son and youngest child of James and Margaret [Hamilton] Maccoum, was born in Edlithgoushire, Scotland, and was married to Elizabeth Montgomery of Lanshire; and emigrated with his parents to Ireland in 1672; He was a soldier under William the Third and killed in the battle of Bayne (or Boyne) in 1690

The children of James and Elizabeth [Montgomery] Maccoum



were: -

i<sup>3</sup> Samuel, who died Feb. 24, 1728

3. ii James, (Born 1660, in Lillithgowshire, Scotland  
3. James<sup>3</sup> MacCorm, James<sup>2</sup> (1) James<sup>1</sup>)  
and emigrated with his parents and grandparents  
to Ireland in 1672, and lived in Macalieu, County  
of Down (or Down). He was a soldier under William III  
and was married to his cousin Mary Campbell of  
Gochar, Ireland. He was buried April, 7<sup>th</sup> 1735. The  
children of James and Mary [Campbell] MacCorm

were: - 4 i<sup>4</sup> James, Baptized Oct., 29<sup>th</sup> 1716

ii Anne .. April, 7 1718

iii Susan .. 1722

iv John .. 1725

James of 4. James MacCorm, (James<sup>3</sup> (3), James<sup>2</sup> (2) James<sup>1</sup>)  
son of James and Mary [Campbell]  
MacCorm, was born in Macalieu Parish, County Down,  
Ireland 1716, and emigrated to Newcastle, Delaware  
Amer. in 1742 and married Margaret Walker  
in 1743. They moved to Virginia and settled in  
Botletourt County. He was a Revol. soldier, serving  
in Capt. John Peyton's Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Va. Regt., commanded  
by Col. Thos. Marshall, and received from the govt  
Five hundred acres of land in Hardin Co. Ky. 1784.  
He moved from Va. to Kentucky with the McLife Co.  
in 1779 and settled in the Salt River country, now

Mercer Co., but returned to Va. and gave his service to the Revolutionary Cause. He died 1780. The issue of James and Margaret Walker were :-

v<sup>s</sup> i James, Born Mar. 11, 1745

ii Anne, .. Aug. ~~20~~, 1746, m. Robt. McAfee 1760

iii Samuel, .. Oct. 20, 1748

iv Mary .. Aug. 13, 1750 m. John McLee

v Susan .. Apr. 7, 1752 m. Jas. McCann of S.C.

vi John .. Mar. 28, 1754, m. Elij. Tilford and was a soldier in the Infantry Va. State line received two hundred acres of land on Little Hammond Crk, Hardin Co. Ky. 1784. A descendant, Jas Macconn, lived at Farndell Kentucky. in 1903.

vii 7. Jane, born May 1-1756, m. John Wood

viii 8. Margaret .. Apr. 15, 1758 .. a Mr. Ross

ix 9. Elizabeth .. Feb. 5, 1761 .. John Edgewood

x 10. Joseph .. Feb. 19, 1762 was kidnapped by

Indians while attending cattle, and was carried to near, what is now, Springfield, Ohio, where he was tied and burned at the stake in 1780. This so grieved his mother that she soon died, her funeral was preached by "Father" Rice, the first funeral held in that County.

(James<sup>4</sup> (4), James<sup>3</sup> (3), James<sup>2</sup> (2), James<sup>1</sup>.)

5. James<sup>5</sup> Maccom, son of James and Margaret [Walker] Maccom, was born in Bottetourt Co. Va. 1745; and was married to Nancy (or Ann) Tilford, he was a Revol. soldier, serving as sargent in Infantry<sup>Va.</sup> State line, as Private in Capt. Nathan Roland's Co. 14<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. enlisting Jan. 16-1777 serving three yrs. transferred to 10<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. Mar. 1779. was granted One hundred acres of land for three yrs. service. He moved to Kentucky in 1782 and purchased Fourteen hundred acres of land, Three fourths mile above Hammonds Creek in Jefferson Co. Ky. and fourteen hundred acres on both sides of Salt-River. He died in 1789, his will was probated at Harrodsburg, Ky, Dec. 1790 and gives as legatees, his wife Anne, and children 2-

6. i James

\* 7. ii John

iii David

iv Elizabeth

v Anne

vi Margaret

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6. James<sup>6</sup> Macconn, <sup>Ann</sup> son of James and Nancy [Tilford] Macconn, was born in Botetourt county Va. 1767 and moved with his parents to Kentucky 1782; He was married to Elizabeth Rice, daughter of an early Presbyterian preacher, and was a trustee of Transylvania University, he died in 1832 leaving the following children: i Anne, m. Littleberry Clay

8. ii David, <sup>6 5 4 3 2 1</sup> died unmarried

iii Paul, who had a son James, who lived in Lexington Ky.

8. David<sup>6</sup> Macconn, son of James and Nancy [Tilford] Macconn, was born in Kentucky 1786, moved to Philadelphia and there married Sarah Tolard, they had one son, Robert who married a Miss Ellicott, he was an officer in the Navy, and had two sons: A. E. Macconn<sup>7</sup>

Wm. E. Macconn who is an officer of the Coast-Guards at San Francisco, he has six children

Wm<sup>8</sup>  
Mary

Robert

Margaret

William

Andrew

Caroline

7. John<sup>6</sup> Maccorn, son of James<sup>5</sup> and Nancy [Tilford] Maccorn was born 1769 and was married to Nancy Slaughter, a sister of Ex Gov. Slaughter of Ky.; their children were:

9. i James

10. ii Robert Coleman Slaughter

11. iii John<sup>7</sup>

iv Mary, S. m. Abner Ragan

v Turley, died young, buried in Ky.

8 David belongs here.

9. James<sup>7</sup> Maccorn, son of John and Nancy [Slaughter] was born<sup>in Ky.</sup> 1794, he married to Amelia Ward, and moved from Ky. to Hendricks Co. Ind. about 1828 or 1830, later went to Mo. but returned to Ind., where he died, and is buried in the East cemetery at Danville. His children were:

12. ii Ward m. Melina Talbott

iii Robert m. Kate [?]

13. iv James m.

v Anne m. - Darnell.

after Robt. Coleman  
put John  
after John  
put Ward.

10. John<sup>7</sup> Maccorn, son of John and Nancy [Slaughter]

Maccorn was born 1801, was first married to —

and had one son Leonard Turley, known as Mac's son, who  
at Bedford, La., the second wife was Horacina Towles who

Love him two children, he died was educated in  
Medicine and became a physician, and died 1844.  
his children were

Fidelia<sup>8</sup> m. Jas. G. Maccoun, children were

i<sup>9</sup> Charles.

ii Raleigh

iii John

Nancy m. Harlan Talbot, children

Harlan Hadley

i<sup>9</sup> Emma Talbot

ii Harlan Hadley Jr.

iii John

iv Brewer

10 Robt Coleman<sup>7</sup> Slaughter Maccoun, son of  
John and Nancy [Slaughter] Maccoun was born in  
Ky. Dec. 15, 1796, was educated at Transylvania U.  
by his uncle James, in the studies of both law and medicine.  
he was married when quite young to Rachel Clay, dau.  
of Samuel and Nancy [Kinn] Clay, who bore two children  
i<sup>8</sup> Nancy, who m. Willis Talbot - distant here  
ii John Turley who died unmarried and is buried in the  
East cemetery at Danville by the side of Dr. John Maccoun  
after the death of Rachel [Clay] Maccoun he was  
married to the widow [Horacena] of John Maccoun  
and they lived on a farm one-half mile north of Danville  
he was a stock trader, and was a member of the S. O. F.

being a Past Grand Master of that order. He was a man of strong personality and kind, loving disposition. He died March 1<sup>st</sup>. 1886 and is buried in the East cemetery. The children by his last wife, Horaceva

were: i James m. Laura Frank

ii Edward m. Alice Stuart } Helen  
} Effie  
} Mable

iii Raleigh, m. Ely. Moberly, } Felia  
} Horace

iv Sallie, m. Wm Shirley } Arville

v Betty, died unmarried

vi Mary, m. Stephen Scaree } Paul

vii Ely, m. Frank McVey } Eva  
} Horace } Eugenia  
} Homer

viii Ella, unmarried

19. ix Oliver, m. Ethel Flathers } Gerald  
} Olivia  
} Hugh

x Jerry m. Margaret Macconn.

Mary Macconn, dau. of John and Nancy [Slaughter] Macconn was married to Abner Ragan their son James married Lucy Smith and had eight children: - Mary m. Willis Slavers.

i Dr. John S. m. Jennima Vickery } Dr. Charles  
} Mrs. Ralph P. Pky.

ii Abner

Reuben, Samuel

James

William

Milton B.

McAfee Company  
In the years 1771-2, the sons of James  
McAfee Sen. fired by glowing description  
of beauty & fertility of Ky, resolved to  
visit by James, Gess & Robert, and  
James Maccoun Jr. brother in law of  
Robt McAfee, and Samuel Adams  
a youth of 18 and cousin of James  
Maccoun, left their home in  
Bathelburg Co, Va. May 10, 1773 and  
crossed mountains, struck Kanawha  
river 4 miles above mouth of Elk  
River sent horses back home by  
2 boys, John Maccoun and James  
Pauling. Built 2 canoes and on  
May 28<sup>th</sup> descended the Kanawha  
meeting by previous arrangement  
Hancock Taylor & Company of surveyors.  
Proceeded to mouth of river and  
found Capt Bullitt & company June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The three parties proceeded from  
mouth of Kanawha to Ohio to mouth  
of Limestone Creek where Maysville  
now stands. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July company  
spent at Big Bone Lick. On July 15-1  
left Brennans Lick and on next  
day crossed by river, below where



McAfee Company  
Frankfort now stands and where  
Robt McAfee had 2 surveys made  
embracing 600 acres and including  
Frankfort bottom. Set out again and  
on 18<sup>th</sup> reached Cave Springs Set  
out again in a westerly direction  
to Salt river, which they called  
Crooked Creek and made their  
surveys of 400 acres each up Salt  
river about 2 miles from where  
Herodsbury now stands. On  
July 31<sup>st</sup> turned their faces  
homeward.

JAMES MCCOUN

James McCoun born in Scotland 1717. Died in Mercer County, Ky. 1800. Lived during the Revolution in Virginia.

Margaret Walker, wife of James McCoun, born in Ireland. Died in 1784. Married in 1744. She was the niece of Thomas Clark, the father of Geo. Rogers Clark.

James McCoun was the son of James McCoun, born in Ireland. Wife, Mollie Gamble.

Ann McCoun was the daughter of James McCoun, born 1717, died 1800. Ann was born Aug. 1st, 1746. Married 1766.

James McCoun was a member of the McAfee Company in making the first survey in Ky. along the water course of Salt River. He fought in the Battle of the Point and defended the McAfee Station from the Indians. He received fourteen hundred acres of land for military service in the Revolutionary War. The land was entered on Salt River in Mercer Co.

He came from Ireland in 1742 and landed at Norfolk, Va. Came to Mercer Co., in 1773. Was a senior member of the McAfee Company that established McAfee Station. In consequence of continual depredations of the Indians, he went back to Va., but in 1775 he returned to Mercer Co., Ky.

Ref.-- Vol. 5, p. 7-8, Ky. Hist. Register.  
Vol. 7, p. 31, Directory of the D.A.R. in Ky.  
National Number, 3092, Mercer Court Records.

## MCCOUN OR MACCOUN FAMILY

James Maccoun born in Scotland in 1601. Married Margaret Hamilton about 1624, and emigrated to Ireland in 1672, living at Bally McMoore. James died March 12th, 1706 and was buried in the church yard at Maccalin, in County Down which was destroyed by Cornwall.

### Children of James Maccoun I and Margaret Hamilton.

- 1 - Gilbert, baptized Dec. 11th, 1626.
- 2 - Jean, " Mar. 3rd, 1629.
- 3 - Minerva, " June 5th, 1631, m. George Lanier.
- 4 - Agnes, " Feb. 2nd, 1634.
- 5 - James II " Jan. 22nd, 1637.

James Maccoun II, (son of James Ist and Margaret Hamilton Maccoun) was born in Linlithgowshire, Scotland, and emigrated with his parents. He married about 1658 Elizabeth Montgomery of Lancashire. He was a soldier under William III and was killed in the Battle of Boyne in 1690, age 55.

### Children of James II Maccoun & Elizabeth Montgomery.

- 1 - Samuel Maccoun, who died Feb. 24th 1728.
- 2 - James III, born 1660 in Scotland.

James Maccoun III, (son of James Maccoun & Elizabeth Montgomery) born in Linlithgowshire Scotland in 1660 came to Ireland with his parents and grandparents in 1672. He too was a soldier under William III. He married Mary Campbell of Lochow, Ireland and he was buried Apr. 7th, 1738.

### Children of James Maccoun III, & Mary Campbell.

- 1 - James IV, baptized Oct. 29th, 1716.
- 2 - Anne " Apr. 7th, 1718.
- 3 - Susan " 1722.
- 4 - John " 1725.

James Maccoun IV, (son of James Maccoun III, and Mary Campbell) born in Macalin Parish, County of Down, Ireland, came to America in 1742. Married Apr. 1744 to Margaret Walker. James died Oct. 4th 1800 in Mercer Co., Ky. Margaret died June 2nd 1784. The Maccoun Family moved from Botetourt Co., Va. in 1779 to Mercer Co., Ky. with the McAfee Company, and settled on Salt River. James Maccoun or McCoun (as some spelled it at that time) served in Capt. Peyton's Company, Third Va. Reg., commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall and received land grants for this service.

### Children of James Maccoun IV and Margaret Walker.

- 1 - James V b. Mch. 1st, 1745, m. Nancy Tilford.

McCoun or Maccoun Family

- 2 - Ann McCoun, b. Aug. 1st, 1746, m. Robert McAfee, Dec. 10th, 1776.
- 3 - Samuel b. Oct. 20th, 1746, died unmarried.
- 4 - Mary b. Aug. 13th, 1750, m. John McGee.
- 5 - Susan, b. Apr. 7th, 1752, m. James McCoun, (no relation)
- 6 - John b. March 28th, 1754, m. Elizabeth Tilford, a sister of Jane's wife.
- 7 - Jane, b. May 1st, 1756, m. James Woods and afterward, Samuel Adams.
- 8 - Margaret, b. April 15th, 1758, m. William Kerr.
- 9 - Elizabeth, b. Feb. 7th, 1761, m. James Ledgerwood.
- 10 - Joseph, b. Feb. 19th, 1763, burned at the stake by the Indians, in 1780.

James McCoun V, (son of James IV & Margaret Walker) born Mar. 1st, 1746, served in the Rev. War as Sergeant in the Va. State Line, and as private in Capt. Nathan Howland's company, 14th Va. Regt., enlisting Jan. 18th, 1777. Served 3 years transferring to 10th Va. on March 1778. Moved to Ky. with his family and died in Mercer Co., Ky. in 1790 where his will is probated on Dec. 1790. He married Nancy Tilford.

Children of James McCoun V and Nancy Tilford, (called Ann in his will).

- 1 - James b. 1767, m. Oct. 21st, 1797 to Elizabeth Rice.
- 2 - John, m. Nancy Slaughter.
- 3 - David.
- 4 - Elizabeth.
- 5 - Ann, m. John A. Gibson.
- 6 - Margaret, m. Laurence McGuire.
- 7 - Mary.

More about this family may be found in the "Tales of Dark and Bloody Ground." by Jillson on page 54 of this book is Robert B. McAfee's narrative telling how the company of men consisting of James McAfee, George McAfee, Robert McAfee, James McCoun, Jr., and Samuel Adams left their place of residence (May 10, 1773) on Sinking Creek, Botetourt Co., Va. for the purpose of exploring out places for their future residence. All of the above persons were married and had families except Samuel Adams, they were known as the McAfee Company. Explained their route across the country to the New River, (now called the Kanawha river) descended in canoes to it's mouth, down the Ohio to the Kentucky River, up the Ky. to the present site of Frankfort, came to the place where Lawrenceburg now stands, then found the Salt River to Harrodsburg. Then after a time they returned safely home.

In 1775 the same Company with David Adams and John Higgins returned to Ky. Harrodsburg in the meantime had been settled by James Harrod. "In the Fall of this year, William and George McAfee cleared ground near the mouth of Harrodsburg branch and being joined by John McAfee, David Adams, John McCoun, Robert McAfee, and others. A part of this company continued in the county at James McCoun's spring, about one mile North West of New Providence Church, on Salt River, during the winter of 1775."

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In May 1776 they attempted to bring their families to Ky., but the war with the Cherokee Indians broke out and they found it too dangerous. So it was not until Aug. 17th, 1779 that they left their habitation of the Catawba and Sinking Creek in Botetourt County, Va. and started with all their families and property packed on horses and came through the wilderness path, (Crossing at Cumberland Gap) to Ky. They arrived at James McAfee's spring on Salt River, three-fourths mile from New Providence Church on Oct. 1st, 1779. "James and Samuel McAfee and James McCoun occupied the spring and station."

On page 48. "The people now happy and abundance now smiled around them for several months, but the Indians interrupted their calculations in the year of 1781 (Mar. 6th) and marred the happiness of James McCoun, Sr.'s family and spread gloom over the adjacent settlement and friends.

"Some time about the 6th of Mar. 1781 Joseph McCoun the youngest son of James McCoun, Sr. went out to look after some of the cattle and wolf traps. He was surprised and taken prisoner by the Indians near some gladey ground about one-fourth miles East of the Frankfort road opposite John Masuz and 100 yards North of the road leading to Armstrong's ferry, from Vandike and Sellen Mill. Joseph McCoun was the darling of his father and the favorite of the family. John McCoun was with him at the time and escaped. James McCoun, Sr., was then living at his farm on Salt River below James McAfee's station --- they pursued the Indians in vain --- given up as lost --- later found his body burned to the stake --- all seven families left their farms and moved to the station of James McAfee --- while Gen. Clark conducted an expedition against the Indians---

On page 52. "While the Indians prepared to attack the station they camped in James McCoun's cabin---

Page 54. "After the Indians found they could not take the station they commenced to kill the cattle, --- finally were routed. --- "

Also see the Ky. Register, Vol. 25, No. 73 "Life and times of Robert B. McAfee" for much information of his family. Also see Mercer County Court Records, Harrodsburg, Ky.

James McCoun, Sr.'s will probated Oct. 1800, and James McCoun, Jr.'s will probated Dec. 1790. The James McCoun who married Susan McCoun ( dau. of James McCoun, Sr.) is also probated in Mercer Co., Ky.

John McCoun, son of James McCoun and Nancy (Ann) Tilford) was born about 1769, and died before Nov. 18th, 1800. Court Records in Mercer Co., Ky. show that his estate was appraised on that date. He married in Mercer Co., Ky. Aug. 12th, 1793. The marriage bond was signed by John McCoun and Robert Slaughter. "Conditions of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above named John McCoun and Nancy Slaughter for which a license has been issued." The following note is enclosed within the bond: "I do hereby certify my consent that a

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license shall issue for a marriage intended between John McCoun and my daughter, Nancy Slaughter.' Given my hand & seal this 12th day of August 1793. Signed -- Robert Slaughter.  
Witness - R. S. Slaughter, Allener Slaughter.

Nancy Slaughter McCoun married the second time in Mercer County Ky. to Thomas Samuel on Sept. 6th, 1804, another marriage bond was given for this marriage signed this time by Thomas Samuel and Charles Slaughter.

Mercer Co., Ky. Deed Bk. 5, p. 54, Oct. 23rd, 1808 the Commissioners for the heirs of John McCoun, deceased, make deed to John Gibson, conveying 100 acres of land in Franklin County (McCoun heirs now infants); they were James, Polly, Robert, John, Turley, all of Mercer County, Samuel McCoun, Esq. was their guardian. Witnesses were David McCoun and Elizabeth McCoun.

Mercer Co., Ky. Deed Bk. 7, p. 190 May 10th, 1808. This indenture made 10th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, between John Armstrong, Robert Armstrong, and George McAfee, commissioners appointed by the County Court of Mercer to convey certain land in the name of the heirs of John McCoun, deed, viz, James, Robert, Polly, John and Turley; all of the sd. county ----

Will Bk. 5. Page 254 Samuel McCoun, Esq. guardian to the heirs of John McCoun, heirs names, James McCoun, Jr. Robert C. McCoun, John McCoun, Jr., Margaret S. McCoun and Leonard T. McCoun. Commissioners present were--Gabriel Slaughter and Augustine Slaughter.

(Note: Gabriel Slaughter was a brother of Lucy Slaughter who was the mother of Nancy Slaughter, who married John McCoun, therefore he was a great uncle of the infant heirs of John McCoun.) Therefore we find from these court records that the children of John McCoun and Nancy Slaughter were:

1. James McCoun
2. Mary S. McCoun or one record has Margaret S. She married Abner Hagan in Fayette Co., Ky. 9-13-1817.
3. Robert Coleman Slaughter McCoun.
4. John McCoun
5. Leonard Turley McCoun, born Nov. 16th, 1800 (about the time of his father's death.)

Leonard Turley McCoun, son of John McCoun and Nancy Slaughter, born Nov. 16th, 1800, died Mar. 25th, 1822, Mercer Co., Ky. Married in Mercer Co., Ky. June 7th, 1821 to Sophia Weston Curd, who was born Aug. 30th, 1794, died Mar. 1878. Daughter of Weston Curd and Ann Elizabeth Hatcher, of Mercer Co., Ky. (See the Curd Family records for their daughter Rebecca Ann McCoun born (one month after her father's death) April 25th, 1822, Die Mar. 24th, 1901. Married Capt. Robert Slaughter Curd. (1820-1864).

Leonard Turley Maccoun's settlement of estate was made in Mercer Co., Ky. Oct. Court, 1829. Found in Will Book, 9, Page 259. John S. McCoun was administrator.

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Two-thirds went to the infant heir and one-third to his widow.

When Leonard Turley Maccoun and Sophia Curd married, the marriage bond was made by Leonard T. McCoun, and William Wood, but when Leonard T. McCoun signed the bond, he signed it Leonard T. Maccoun. The enclosed note within the marriage bond was found: --  
"The Clerk of the Mercer County Court is hereby authorized to issue a license for the marriage of Leonard T. Maccoun, with Sophia Curd," given under my hand and seal this 4th day of June 1821.  
Witness-- Thos. Allin, Jr. D. C. Samuel Maccoun,  
Wm. Wood. Guard. for the Heirs of  
John Maccoun, Deed.

Therefore we find as late as 1821 that the name was spelled both McCoun as well as Maccoun. In 1800 "Second Census of Ky." on Page 133 lists the Mercer County Family as--

McCoun, James, Mercer Co.,  
McCoun, James, Mercer Co.,  
McCoun, John, Mercer Co.,  
McCoun, John, Mercer Co.,  
McCoun, John, Sr., Mercer Co.,  
McCoun, Samuel, Mercer Co.

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Gen. for

Jane McAfee Chapter D.A.R.  
Harrodsburg, Ky.

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1. James MacCoun, the first known ancestor of the Kentucky family of this name, was born in Linlithgowshire, midway between Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1639. His Ancestors were Danes, being adventurers into Scotland during the Danish invasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Century. He married Elizabeth Montgomery, of the "Montgomerys of Lainshaw", was a Soldier under William III, and fell at the battle of Boyne, in Ireland, July 1<sup>st</sup> 1690.

Issue:

2 James MacCoun<sup>Jr</sup> Junior, born 1660; married his cousin, Mary Campbell, of the Campbells of Lochow.

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3. James MacCoun<sup>Jr</sup> III born 1717, in Antrim Ireland, where his father had settled while a soldier under King William and Mary. He emigrated to Virginia in 1742. Landed at Norfolk, and settled on the Catawba, in Botetourt Co, Virginia. Here he married Margaret Walker, in April 1744. She was a woman of great energy and fine judgement and possessed a strong, beautiful voice



and, while not permitted to "pitch the tunes" she led the singing at the church at "the Peaks of Otter" in Virginia, of which Rev. David Rice was the Pastor. Mr. Rice came to Kentucky in 1783, June 4, 1784, June 4, 1784, he preached the funeral sermon of Margaret (Walker) MacCoun which was the first sermon ever preached on the banks of Salt River. James MacCoun Senior, was the first Elder of the first Presbyterian Church (New Providence) founded by Mr. Rice in Kentucky (See Dabbsons Presbyterianism in Kentucky). James MacCoun was a soldier of the Revolution and the senior member of the McAfee Company, which left Botetourt Co, Va May 10, 1773 and reached Salt River, Mercer Co Kentucky, July 21, 1773. (beginning of page 229) His will was probated at Harrodsburg Ky, in Oct 1800.

Issue IV

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- I James MacCoun, born March 11, 1745, d 1790
- II Ann MacCoun, born Aug 1, 1746, married Robert McAfee. They were the parents of General Robert Breckinridge McAfee, the Historian.

- III Samuel Maccoun, born Oct 20, 1748, died young  
 IV Mary Maccoun, born Aug 13, 1750, married  
 John Magee.  
 V Susan Maccoun born April 7, 1752, married  
 James Maccoun of South Carolina  
 VI John Maccoun, born March 28, 1754, married  
 Elizabeth Telford.  
 VII Jane Maccoun, born May 1<sup>st</sup> 1756. married  
 ① John Wood ② Samuel Adams Jr.  
 VIII Margaret Maccoun, born April 15, 1758  
 married — Kerr.  
 IX Elizabeth Maccoun born Feb. 7, 1761. married  
 John Ledgerwood.  
 X Joseph Maccoun was born Feb 19, 1763,  
 while watching some cattle in a glade he  
 was surprised and captured by a party of  
 Shawnee Indians and carried to the  
 head waters of Mad River, about 6 miles  
 above the spot now occupied by  
 Springfield, Ohio, where he endured  
 excruciating tortures and was burned  
 at the stake in March 1781.

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4. James <sup>H</sup> Maccoun, born March 11, 1745, married Anne Telford (sister of Jeremiah Telford, the ancestor of the Telfords and Boyles, of Boyle and Fayette Counties, Ky.) He was a Revolutionary soldier in Captain Rowland's Company of Virginia Troops June 10, 1777 and a member of the M<sup>c</sup> Affee Company, early pioneers of Ky. His will, probated at Harrodsburg, Ky Dec 1790 mentions as legatees, wife Ann, sons, James, John, and David, and daughters, Elizabeth, Ann, Margaret and Mary. Of these

3 James Maccoun (fifth of the name in direct succession) was born in Botetourt Co, Virginia, in 1767; died in Paris, Ky. 1832. Was an early settler at Lexington, and one of her most enterprising citizens, being one of the Trustees of Transylvania University in 1783. One of the founders of the Public Library in 1805, and of the Kentucky Eastern Lunatic Asylum, (Fayette Hospital) in 1816, the first three institutions of their kind in the state. He was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church.

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He married in Mercer Co, Ky, Oct 21, 1797,  
 Elizabeth Rice, born in Bedford Co, Va, Jan.  
 10, 1774, died in Paris, Ky, Feb 18, 1833,  
 daughter of Rev. David Rice and his wife,  
 Mary Blair, daughter of Rev. Samuel  
 Blair, of Faggs Manor, Pennsylvania.  
 Rev. David Rice was born in Hanover Co, Va,  
 Dec 20, 1733, ordained by Hanover Presbytery,  
 Dec 1763: was a distinguished patriot of the  
 Revolution and a member of the Committee  
 of Safety for Bedford Co May 1775: was one  
 of the founders of the Hampden-Sidney  
 College; emigrated to Kentucky in 1793,  
 and became the father of Presbyterianism  
 in the state. He was the moving spirit  
 and one of the charter members of  
 Transylvania Seminary, and Chairman  
 of the board of Trustees for many years.  
 The school was opened in his house in  
 Lincoln County and his son-in-law, Rev  
 James Mitchell, was its first teacher.  
 David Rice was recently called "the wisest  
 statesman of his day and the most  
 learned man in Kentucky"

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7<sup>th</sup> left numerous descendants in Va. & Ky.  
7<sup>th</sup> died June 18, 1816. The Presbyterian Church  
of Ky, has erected a beautiful monument  
to him and his wife in the City park at  
Danville.

James and Elizabeth Maccoun had 10  
children, only 2 of whom left descendants.

I Arabella Annell Telford, Maccoun, born  
Oct 2, 1802; died May 30, 1828; married  
June 1818 Col L. B. Clay.

Issue

1 Henry, 2 Olivia, Elizabeth, and Samuel  
Clay.

II Paul Maccoun, born October 11, 1816,  
died 1888; married September 22, 1842,  
Catherine Potts, born July 8, 1826. Died  
April 2, 1876.

Issue.

1. Martha, 2 Mary, 3 Leticia and  
James Rice Bush Maccoun.

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" 2 " Mrs Mary Rogers Clay

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