

BIOGRAPHY OF THE McINTYRE FAMILY

In about the year 1725 the MacIntyre Clan was over-powered and driven out of Scotland by the Catholics, and settled in the north of Ireland; built a strong castle on a high promontory nearly surrounded by the ocean, and considered themselves safe from their Catholic enemies, in their strong-hold. There was a large family of sons, no daughters. One of the younger boys, then about twelve years of age, while playing on the beach, was persuaded by some sailors that belonged to a British Man-of-War anchored in the harbor a mile or so from the shore, to get into their boat and go to see the big ship, and he, boy like, went with them. Instead of taking him back as they had agreed to do, they detained him and took him to America. They landed at Boston and immediately after landing, he was sold for 7 years, or until he became of age. He was bought by a farmer and happened to have a good master. He never went back to the old country, could not read nor write, consequently he never saw or heard of his family.

He married and settled in Worcester Co. in state of Mass. His name was **William**. He raised 3 sons; John, Thomas and William. About the time the boys became of age the Rev. War broke out and the three boys joined the Rebel army.

John was soon taken prisoner and sent in a prison ship to Halifax. He was liberated at the close of the war, but did not return. He corresponded with his folks a few years; married and settled in that country.

Thomas joined Gen. Marion's command and went south. They figured mostly in S. Carolina.

William was with Washington until the close of the war; then returned to Mass and married an Irish lady by the name of **Anna Campbell**. He lived in Worcester Co. and raised a large family. The boys were named Thomas, William, Zimri, Major and Ira. The girls Anna, Malvina, Phoebe, Sarah and Trifena. In the year 1807, he removed his whole family, some married and some single, to **Tompkins County** in the state of New York, between Seneca and Cayuga lakes, where he had a grand of land of some 2000 acres and divided the land and gave each of his children 160 acres. The country was new and covered with Pine, Beach and Maple timber. The soil was very poor and they had hard times.

Major McIntyre was born in **Worcester Co. Mass.** in 1787 and when the war broke out in 1812, he enlisted in Calvary Co. under **Gen. Vanrasilier** and was stationed, most of the time, on the Niagra river, doing patrol duty, watching the British, ready to give the alarm should the British attempt crossing. Was engaged in the battle of **Lundey's Lane**. He came home in 1814 in the fall and in a few wks was married to Miss **Sarah Shutts**.

She was born and raised in the state of New Jersey, near Wilmington and was of Quaker parentage. She was the mother of 12 children, 6 boys + 6 girls. The boys names were Erastus V., Thomas J., John W., Gabriel T., William and Samuel. The girls were named Martha, Emily A., Hettie, Deana, Sarah and Sarah E. She died on the first day of Sept. 1833 at age of 39. Some of the children died young. viz - Thomas, Samuel, William, Martha, Hetty and Deana. The rest lived to raise families.

Emily was married **U.B. Lemmon** in July 1833, died in 1860, leaving 7 children. Gabriel T. died in year 1892 at the age of 68 leaving 4 children, and a widow who died in the year 1893. Erastus died in 1892, leaving no children His first wife, Emily Clark, died. He married a second wife who survives him. The next two children Thomas and Samuel died at about the age of 2 yrs. The next, John W. was born Feb 11, 1823. Gabriel T was born Sept 20, 1824. Was married Apr. 1845. The next 2 girls were 2 and 4 years younger than Gabriel and died when they were 1 and 3 yrs. old of scarlet fever. Sarah E. was born May 10 - 1829, married Mch 4th, 1852. Mary was born May 8, 1831, married Mch 25, 1849. They were born on same farm in Tompkins Co, New York State.

Transcribed by Robert AJ Thorpe, 3019 Mansfield Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-3042. I have left the spellings and punctuation as they appeared in the original handwritten work. This account was sent to me by my second cousin, Nettie Rose Caulfield Thomas. It had been collected by her grandmother, Nettie May Thorpe Hinckley, from another family member but the cover letter had been lost. Nettie Rose died June 21, 1986. There is some doubt about the first generation or two as recounted in this narrative.