

Descendants of William McNee

Generation No. 1

1. William¹ McNee^{1,2,3} was born September 24, 1830 in Glasgow, Scotland, and died February 10, 1899 in St. Clair, Benton County, Iowa. He married **Elizabeth McKinnon⁴** September 23, 1859 in Linn County, Iowa⁴. She was born February 27, 1827 in Buchlgvie, Scotland, and died September 19, 1918.

Notes for William McNee:

The following is of unknown origin:

William McNee was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on Sept. 24, 1830. At the age of 24, William and his brother, Alexander, seeking new adventures and opportunities, left Scotland and sailed for America, arriving here in 1854. They made a short stop at Chicago, but traveled on to Cedar Rapids where they arrived in 1856.

They proceeded to a Scotch settlement located on the Linn and Benton County lines. Alexander, not satisfied here, started toward the setting sun decked out with a fancy team of horses, a new harness and a light wagon. No more was ever heard of him. As the Wild West was at its peak and horse thieves very numerous, it is presumed that his horses were stolen and he was killed.

It was at this Scotch settlement where William McNee met Elizabeth McKinnon Rogers. She was born in Bulchlvine, Scotland in 1828. Elizabeth came to America with her parents, brothers and sisters in 1850.

Elizabeth and William were married in Linn County, Iowa, in 1859. They started farming in St. Clair township in 1861, and here they followed this occupation through life.

William McNee bought his first land, an 80-acre plot, in 1859, for \$3.00 per acre. The seller, Francis Rooza, obtained it from the United States in 1854. The first tax was \$1.97 for forty acres. This original eighty laid north of the eighty acres that the farm buildings now stand on. The latter eighty and another quarter section were purchased from John McKinnon in 1863. John McKinnon was a cousin of Mrs. McNee. More land was purchased in 1866.

On the second eighty a set of buildings were erected and this has become the McNee century farm. One of the original buildings still stands (a former granary). This building was constructed from hand-hewed timbers and mortised together with hickory pegs.

Mr. and Mrs. McNee were the parents of four sons and one daughter. William A., born in 1861, became an astute banker at Laurens, Iowa. He married Emma Wiss and passed away in 1947. The second son, John M., a farmer at Laurens, was born in 1863, and married Anna Leonard. He died in 1947 also. David was born in 1865, married Mary Russell, and became a farmer at Fairfax. He passed away in 1944. Norman M., born in 1866, married Lena Newton. He stayed on the family farm and died in 1950. William's daughter, Elizabeth, was born in 1869. She died Mrs. Wilbert Reid, in 1911.

William and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McNee was a member of the St. Clair Lodge from 1870 until his death. His four sons were also Masons.

Fairly well established on the farm, William imported Clydesdale horses from Scotland in the 1880's. At one time, six stallions were kept for breeding purposes. He also imported Gallaway cattle from Scotland.

Mr. McNee died suddenly of a stroke in 1899. After his death, Norman M. McNee rented the farm from his mother. Norman married Lena Newton at her home in 1897. Lena was educated in a country school and graduated from Tilford Academy in Vinton, Iowa. She taught in the country school before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Norman McNee lived on the Grote farm south of Prairie Creek the first year of their marriage. Meanwhile, a new home was being built. It was completed in 1898 and they moved in to spend the rest of their life there.

Elizabeth McNee (Norman's mother) lived to be 91 years old, being blind for the last twenty years of her life. She passed away in 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McNee bought the farm after Elizabeth's death, the final purchase in 1920. They were the parents of eight children. Two of the eight died in infancy, and a third choked to death on an apple when he was about two years old. Those living are: Elsie, who married Ed Miller and has two sons, Norman and Robert. Norman married Elaine Swick and has four children-Darrel, the twins Kevin and Karen, and Glenn. Robert married Joan Brockschink and has three children, Debbie, Bruce, and Van. Elsie's sister, Lucille, lives in Marion as Mrs. W. N. Shellenbarger; Mrs. William Garza, Jane, who now resides in San Antonio, Texas, and is a registered nurse, and Robert, who married Mildred Crow. They have a son and two daughters, Gary, Connie, and Lorie. Gary married Carolyn Memler in 1962. Norman A., the oldest of the boys, married Ida Boddicker, of Blairstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. McNee celebrated their golden wedding in 1947. They were members of the Methodist Church and Eastern Star in Norway. Norman and his-wife are buried in Mound Cemetery. Both of their parents are buried there, also.

Norman M.'s two sons, Norman A. and Robert, are presently living on the farm and run it on a partnership basis. Norman lives in the house built by his father. The fourth generation, Robert's children, live on this farm which their great-grandfather purchased back in 1854 and 1863.

Obituary:

WITH MASONIC HONORS.

Late Wm McNee Laid at Rest at Norway Yesterday.

The funeral of the late William McNee occurred at Norway Sunday at 12 o'clock, a large concourse of friends and neighbors, as well 'as Masons from surrounding towns being present. The services were conducted at the house by Rev. Ainsley of Blairstown and at the grave by the fraternity. By request of the master of St. Clair lodge No. 164, C. D. Huston, W. M. of Mt. Hermon lodge No. 263 Cedar Rapids, was present and conducted the services.

Mr. McNee was one of the pioneer residents, a man of sterling qualities and his friends were legion. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 24, 1830, came to Chicago January 30, 1854, removed to Cedar Rapids, December 23 1856, and to Benton county in March, 1861. He was married to Elizabeth McKinnon-Rogers from Buchlgrvie, Scotland, September 23, 1859. The widow, four sons and one daughter survive him.

Will:

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Wm. McNee

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Wm McNee a resident of the Township of St. Clair in the County of Benton, and state of Iowa, being of sound mind and memory and yet mindful of- the-uncertainties of human life., do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the manner following, hereby revoking and cancelling any and all former wills or codicils by me heretofore made.

First:- I direct the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Second. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth McNee, the undivided one half (1/2) of all my real estate, wherever situated, the same to be used and enjoyed by her during her natural life.

Third. I give, devise and bequeath to my son William A. McNee an undivided five thirty secondeth (5/32), to my son John M McNee an undivided four thirty secondeth (4/32), to my son Norman McNee an undivided six thirty secondeth (6/32), and to my daughter Elizabeth McNee an undivided one. thirty secondeth of all my real estate wherever situated.

Fourth. I hereby direct that all the personal property of every name and nature, of which I may die seized, shall be divided equally between my wife Elizabeth McNee and my son Norman McNee, subject however to the provision hereinafter named.

Fifth. It is my wish and I hereby direct, that all of my said real estate shall remain intact and shall not be sold or divided during the life of my wife Elizabeth McNee, and, the stock, and other personal property necessary to carry on the farm successfully, shall remain thereon and that my said farm shall be carried on as a whole and for the benefit of my wife and those of my children who shall remain at home and participate in working and managing the farm, and that they shall receive from the proceeds of said farm as follows: my wife, Elizabeth McNee, one half (1/2) and those of my children who remain at home as before stated, an equal share of the other half.

Sixth. Should my wife or any one of those of my children who are interested in the personal property and management of the farm, become dissatisfied with remaining at home as hereinbefore provided, then and in that event, it is my wish that my wife and my executor together select two disinterested men, which two selected shall choose a third to act as appraisers and fix a fair market value on his or her share of my said real estate and personal property, for which amount, after being so appraised the one dissatisfied may dispose of his or her share to those remaining at home.

Seventh. After the death of my wife, it is my will and I hereby direct that that portion of my property, both real and personal, which I have bequeathed to her, for her use and benefit, during her natural life time, shall be divided among my children mentioned in paragraph Third hereof, and in proportions therein named.

Eighth. That, as I have previous to the making of this my last will and testament, given to my son David McNee the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,00.00) Dollars as his full share of my estate, I desire and hereby direct that he, my son, the said David McNee, shall have and receive no other or further part or share of my estate, either real or personal.

Ninth. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Norman McNee as executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of May 1898 (signed) Wm. McNee.

The above instrument, consisting of two sheets was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have signed our names at his request as witnesses, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

(Signed) Jasper Brown, Norway Benton County Iowa
James M Hibben, Norway Benton County Iowa

From the 1878 Biographies of St. Clair Township

McNEE, WILLIAM, farmer, Sec. 24; P. O. Florence; born in Scotland Sept. 24, 1830. Married Elizabeth McKinnon in Linn Co., Iowa, in 1858; she was born in Scotland in 1828; they have five children -- W. A., John Malcom, David, Norman and Elizabeth Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. McNee are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

More About William McNee:

Burial: Mound Cemetery, Benton County, Iowa

Cause of Death: Stroke

Emigration: Glasgow, Scotland

Occupation: Farmer

Residence: 1880, Saint Clair, Benton, Iowa, United States⁵

Notes for Elizabeth McKinnon:

Elizabeth came to America with her parents, brothers and sisters in 1850.

More About Elizabeth McKinnon:

Arrival: 1845⁶

Burial: Mound Cemetery, Benton County, Iowa

Medical Information: Blind the last 20 years of her life

Residence: 1900, Saint Clair, Benton, Iowa⁶

More About William McNee and Elizabeth McKinnon:

Marriage: September 23, 1859, Linn County, Iowa⁷

Children of William McNee and Elizabeth McKinnon are:

- 2 i. James R.² McNee, born Abt. 1852 in Iowa.
- + 3 ii. William Alexander McNee, born September 17, 1861 in Norway, Benton, Iowa; died February 24, 1947 in Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa.
- 4 iii. John Malcom McNee⁷, born June 12, 1863 in Benton County, Iowa; died 1947. He married Anna Leonard; born Abt. 1868 in Benton County, Iowa.

More About John Malcom McNee:

Occupation: Farmer

- + 5 iv. David McNee, born March 12, 1865 in Benton County, Iowa; died April 11, 1944 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa.
- + 6 v. Norman M. McNee, born December 17, 1866 in Benton County, Iowa; died 1950 in St. Clair Township, Benton, Iowa.
- + 7 vi. Elizabeth Katherine McNee, born July 26, 1869 in Norway, Benton, Iowa; died July 08, 1912 in Storm Lake, Buena Vista, Iowa.

Generation No. 2

3. William Alexander² McNee (William¹)^{7,8} was born September 17, 1861 in Norway, Benton, Iowa, and died February 24, 1947 in Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa. He married **(1) Alice Robinson** June 20, 1888 in Algona, Kossuth, Iowa⁹. She died April 27, 1894. He married **(2) Emma Joanna Wiss** October 04, 1899⁹, daughter of Charles Wiss and Joanna [--?--]. She was born April 23, 1875 in Alta, Buena Vista, Iowa, and died January 15, 1966 in Alta, Buena Vista, Iowa.

Notes for William Alexander McNee:

Newspaper article on his first marriage:

W. A. McNee, our popular and accomodating station agent, and by the way, on of the best boys on earth, departed the first of the week for Algona, Iowa, where, on Wednesday, he and Miss Alice Robinson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. With the bride we are unacquainted, but the groom is of the salt of the earth.

Newspaper article on his second marriage:

W. A. McNee and Miss Emma Wiss were married last evening and left on the evening train for Chicago. This is an event that has long been expected and all join in wishing them a long and happy married life. Mr. McNee is one of our popular citizens and a rattling good fellow whom everyone knows and likes. Mis Emma is one of our most Excellent ladies and who has a host of friends wherever known. It is seldom our pleasure to chronicle the union of a more prominent couple htan Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNee. We doff our hat and extend our humble congratulations.

Obituary:

Funeral Service Held Thursday For W. A. McNee, 85

Funeral services for W. A. McNee, 85, who died at his home Monday evening, Feb. 24, were held at the McKee Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 27, with the Masonic order of Laurens in charge of the service. Interment was in the Laurens cemetery.

William Alexander McNee, son of William and Elizabeth McNee, was born Sept. 17, 1861, at Norway, Benton county, Iowa, and passed away at his home here Feb. 24, 1947, at the age of 81 years, five months and seven days.

Mr. McNee spent his boyhood with his parents on the farm in Benton county, attended the public schools, and the academies in Blainstown, and Vinton. In 1886, he moved to Algona, and was employed as railway station agent. In 1887 he came to Laurens and took over the duties of station agent for the Chicago and Northwestern railway. On June 20, 1888, he was united in marriage to Alice Robinson and to this union a son, Lawrence William McNee, was born on April 27, 1894. Lawrence attended Ames college, enlisted in the army Dec. 7, 1917, serving until the Armistice. He died May 23, 1923, at Pine City, Minn. Alice Robinson McNee died in May, 1894.

On Oct. 4, 1899, Mr. McNee was united in marriage to Emma J. Wiss, and to this union a daughter, Charlotte Ann, was born. She died in infancy.

Mr. McNee resigned as station agent to become cashier of The Bank of Laurens, which was established as a private institution in 1888. This bank was reorganized and incorporated as the First National Bank of Laurens in 1892 and Mr. McNee served as cashier until July 1, 1919, when he became vice-president, a position which he held until his retirement in 1932. He was associated with the bank for over 44 years.

He had an outstanding record as public servant, serving the Laurens community for a period of nearly 59 years.

Mr. McNee was made a Master Mason on Dec. 14, 1893. The Masonic Lodge was organized in Laurens in 1900, and Mr. McNee served as treasurer for over 43 years. Recognition was given his 50 year membership in Grace Lodge No. 519 in 1943. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Knights Templar and O. E. S. and was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, which was organized in 1888. He served as banker of this organization over a long period of years. He was town treasurer of Laurens for over 40 years, and also served the town for two years as mayor.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Emma; and two brothers, J. M. McNee of Laurens, and Norman McNee of Norway, Iowa.

More About William Alexander McNee:

Occupation: Banker

Notes for Alice Robinson:

Obituary:

MRS. W. A. MCNEE IS DEAD.

The spirit of Mrs. W. A. McNee passed to its heavenly abode this morning after an illness of about three weeks, leaving a motherless babe a month old and a devoted husband to mourn her untimely death. There never was a death in Laurens more universally mourned than that of this noble woman, kind, generous, loving, and devoted wife, pure as the angels in heaven. Universally loved and in womanhood's prime of life her death is one of the saddest things that has ever been our task to chronicle. Human hearts can not give forth the intense sorrow that is felt within by all who knew her. She had not an enemy in the world. She was kind and sympathetic and always cheerful and anxious to help the sorrowing and distressed. For your kind deeds and good womanly qualities, and like the good Samaritan that you were when sickness and cruel death visited our own home and for her whose companion and true friend you were and whose last hours you cheered by your kindness and sympathy, for you, Mrs. McNee, we turn a rule.

After funeral services at her home where Rev. Hunter preached a touching sermon, the remains were taken Algona for interment.

More About Alice Robinson:

Burial: Algona, Iowa

Cause of Death: Believed to have died in childbirth

More About William McNee and Alice Robinson:
Marriage: June 20, 1888, Algona, Kossuth, Iowa⁹

Notes for Emma Joanna Wiss:
Oscar and Sophia Wiss raised Emma.

Obituary:

Mrs. Emma McNee, 90, dies; rites held here Tuesday

Mrs. Emma McNee, 90, for many years a resident of Laurens, died Saturday at Alta where she had made her home in recent years.

Final rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hitchcock Funeral Home here, with the Rev. A. M. Youngquist of Bethany Lutheran Church officiating. Dennis Larson, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Ekstam, sang "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" and "Children of the Heavenly Father."

Pallbearers were Ralph Fullerton, Dan Younggreen, Leonard Cowan, E. J. Kees, Byron Aschenbrenner and George Hoffman. Burial was in the Laurens Cemetery.

Emma Wiss, daughter of Charles and Joanna Wiss, was born April 24, 1875, at Alta. Due to the death of her mother, she and her sister Ann were reared in the home of her father's brother, Oscar Wiss, and were brought up as sisters of their cousin, Helen.

She attended school at Alta, and later worked in the post office at Laurens.

On Oct. 4, 1899, she was married to William Alexander McNee. They were the parents of a daughter, Charlotte Ann, who died in infancy. A stepson, Lawrence William McNee, five years of age at the time of her marriage, died in 1926.

Mrs. McNee, better known as "Aunt Em," was a charter and a 50-year member of Laurens Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Past Matrons Association. She was a member of Stitchers, the Laurens Woman's Club, the Progressive Club and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was baptized in infancy and confirmed Oct. 4, 1891, and was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Laurens. She took part in various church activities.

Due to failing health Mrs. McNee had spent the last few years in Christina's Nursing Home at Alta.

Her husband and two sisters preceeded her in death. She is survived by nieces and nephews

More About Emma Joanna Wiss:
Burial: Laurens Cemetery, Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa

More About William McNee and Emma Wiss:
Marriage: October 04, 1899⁹

Child of William McNee and Alice Robinson is:

- 8 i. Lawrence William³ McNee⁹, born April 27, 1894 in Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa; died May 22, 1923 in Pokegama, Pine, Minnesota.

Notes for Lawrence William McNee:
Obituary:

Lawrence McNee Buried Saturday Morning

Lawrence William McNee, born in Laurens, Iowa, April 27, 1894, died at Pokegama, Minn, May 22, 1923, age 29 years 25 days. He graduated from Laurens, High School in 1912, and is a graduate of Iowa

State . College at Ames, Electrical Engineering Department, Class of 1917. While in College he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. After graduating he was employed by the General Electric Company of Fort Wayne, Ind.

He united with the Christian Church, Laurens, Iowa, April 10, 1909. He was a member of Grace Lodge No. 519, A. F. & A. M. Laurens, Iowa. He enlisted in the World War December 9, 1917. Sailed for France March 4, 1918, was discharged from service May 17, 1919. He was a member of American Legion, Laurens, Iowa.

After discharge from Service he was employed by Western Electric Telephone Company of Chicago, Illinois, until his. health failed him.

He is survived by his father and by his stepmother who has really been his mother throughout his life, numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother May 7; 1894, and by a half sister August 17, 1901.

The above is the brief obituary of Lawrence as read at the funeral which was held at the McNee home

Saturday forenoon. It is but a skeleton about which a life history, can be written by almost any citizen of Laurens for-he was a favorite with all, from childhood to a promising young manhood. It matters not at what period of his life, one's acquaintance touched, it left a sweet remembrance.

The news that he had passed away was no greater shock to the community than the news a few months ago was affected with tuberculosis and that he would have a hard fight for his life. He met this fight bravely and hoped for the best almost to the very last. The best of medical skill and nursing was his but not withstanding this and his own determined fight to get well, treatment that helped others failed with him.

The funeral services at the home and at the grave were strictly Masonic and were in charge of the local lodge of which he was a member. There was a large crowd of sorrowing fraterinty brothers. Many from other towns. Interment was made in the family lot in the Laurens Cemetery. The deceased cousins, four Reid brothers and the two Lindeman brothers acted as pall bearers.

Among those from out of town who were here for the funeral were the following: Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Rogers and David McNee, Fairfax, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Norman McNee, Norway, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robison and son Clarence and Mr. and Mrs, John Wheelock, Algona, Iowa; Arnold Reid, David City, Nebraska; Lowell Reid, Des Moines Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Narey, Spirit Lake, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs G. E. Avery, Cherokee, Iowa; C. J. Johnson and Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, Alta, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lowry, Sac City; Mr.and Mrs. M. W. Shaner and son Clessen, Storm Lake,.Iowa; H. L. Farmer, Sioux Rapids; F. H. Hellsell, Ft. Dodge; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Ames, Iowa; Wm. H. Wheeler, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs L. H. Clark and Mr.and Mrs. Alfred Watkins, Eagle Grove, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pirie, Havelock, Iowa; J. H. Pirie and George Pirie Plover, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. G A. Pattee, Mrs. S. L. McIntire, Mrs. Ralph -Beers, W. A. Elliott, R. Winegarden, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lindeman and sons Lester and Carl, all of Pocahontas, Iowa; A. H. Avery, Spencer, Iowa; J. H. Allen, Des Moines, Iowa.

More About Lawrence William McNee:

Burial: Laurens Cemetery

Cause of Death: tuberculosis

Child of William McNee and Emma Wiss is:

9 i. Charlotte Ann³ McNee.

5. David² McNee (William¹)⁹ was born March 12, 1865 in Benton County, Iowa, and died April 11, 1944 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa. He married **Mary Russell**. She died Bef. 1944.

Notes for David McNee:

From the newspaper:

BENTON COUNTY STAR. NORWAY IOWA MARCH 16th, 1944

Four McNee Brothers get Together To Celebrate Birthday.

Mrs. Olive Burgess of near Fairfax, Iowa, honored her father, David McNee at a dinner Sunday on his 79th birthday.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNee, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McNee, Mrs. Paul Felsing and son David, of Laurens, Iowa, Norman McNee and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McNee of Watkins, Iowa.

These four brothers were the sons of William and Elizabeth McNee pioneers of Benton County, Iowa. They grew to manhood at their farm which is operated by Norman McNee and his two sons Norman and Robert near Norway.

They have been together at least once a year for a number of years, and at their ages are 82, 80, 79 and 76.

W. A. McNee was first to leave home when he learned to be a telegraph operator, later moving to Laurens, Iowa, where he was cashier of a bank for a number of years.

A few years later J. M. McNee moved to Laurens where he took up farming and still resides on that place.

David moved near Fairfax in 1896, where he and his son, A. J. are in farming.

Norman is living on the Homestead, west of Norway.

They are all members of the Masonic Order.

The afternoon was spent with music and talking over old times.

Others present were A. J. McNee, and Dorothy, David, Lois, and Donald Burgess.

Obituary:

David McNee, Fairfax, Dies After Brief Illness

David McNee, prominent Fairfax farmer, died in a Cedar Rapids hospital Tuesday at 2 a.m., following a brief illness. Mr. McNee was born March 12, 1865, in Benton county and had been a resident of Linn county most of a his life.

Surviving are a son, A. J. McNee; a daughter, Mrs. Olive Burgess, both of Fairfax; three brothers, W. A. McNee and J. M. McNee, both of Laurens, Ia., and N. M. McNee of Watkins, besides four grandchildren, Dorothy, David, Lois and Donald Burgess, all of Fairfax.

Mr. McNee was a member of the Presbyterian church and Fidelitas No. 364, A. F. and A. M.

Funeral services will be held in the Turner chapel at 2 p.m. Friday. Burial will be made in Fairfax. Friends may call at the chapel.

More About David McNee:

Burial: Fairfax, Linn, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Children of David McNee and Mary Russell are:

- 10 i. A. J.³ McNee.
- + 11 ii. Olive McNee.

6. Norman M.² McNee (William¹)⁹ was born December 17, 1866 in Benton County, Iowa, and died 1950 in

St. Clair Township, Benton, Iowa. He married **Lena Newton** 1897. She died in St. Clair Township, Benton, Iowa.

More About Norman M. McNee:

Burial: Mound Cemetery, Benton County, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

More About Lena Newton:

Burial: Mound Cemetery, Benton County, Iowa

Occupation: School Teacher

More About Norman McNee and Lena Newton:

Marriage: 1897

Children of Norman McNee and Lena Newton are:

- + 12 i. Elsie³ McNee, died 1964.
- 13 ii. Lucille McNee. She married W. N. Shellenbarger.
- 14 iii. Jane McNee. She married William Garza.

More About Jane McNee:

Occupation: Registered Nurse

- 15 iv. Norman A. McNee. He married Ida Boddicker.

More About Norman A. McNee:

Occupation: Farmer

- + 16 v. Robert N. McNee.

7. Elizabeth Katherine² McNee (William¹)^{9,10} was born July 26, 1869 in Norway, Benton, Iowa, and died July 08, 1912 in Storm Lake, Buena Vista, Iowa. She married **Wilbert Franklyn Reid**^{11,12} March 13, 1895 in Norway, Benton, Iowa, son of Robert Reid and Julia Hanlin. He was born May 17, 1865 in Clark County, Indiana, and died April 06, 1939 in Otisco, Clark, Indiana¹³.

More About Elizabeth Katherine McNee:

Burial: July 10, 1912, Watkins, Benton, Iowa

Cause of Death: Consumption

Residence: 1880, Saint Clair, Benton, Iowa, United States¹⁴

More About Wilbert Franklyn Reid:

Burial: April 08, 1939, New Market Cemetery, Clark County, Indiana

Cause of Death: Strangulated Hernia

Residence: 1930, Charlestown, Clark, Indiana¹⁵

More About Wilbert Reid and Elizabeth McNee:

Marriage: March 13, 1895, Norway, Benton, Iowa

Children of Elizabeth McNee and Wilbert Reid are:

- + 17 i. Emmet Franklyn³ Reid, born May 23, 1896 in Norway, Benton, Iowa; died July 11, 1950 in Newton, Jasper, Iowa.
- 18 ii. William Lowell Reid^{16,17}, born March 30, 1898 in Iowa¹⁸; died June 1973 in Bessemer, Gogebic, Michigan¹⁸. He married Anna Schwiger^{19,20} July 1926²¹; born March 17, 1905 in Bessemer, Gogebic, Michigan^{22,23}; died April 07, 1995 in Bessemer, Gogebic, Michigan²³.

More About William Lowell Reid:

Residence: 1920, Linn, Linn, Iowa²⁴

Social Security Number: 470-09-0619²⁵

SSN issued: Minnesota²⁵

More About Anna Schwiger:

Residence: Bessemer, Gogebic, Michigan²⁶
Social Security Number: 470-07-5373²⁷
SSN issued: Minnesota²⁷

More About William Reid and Anna Schwiger:
Marriage: July 1926²⁸

- 19 iii. Robert Arnold Reid^{28,29}, born July 24, 1899 in Conroy, Iowa, Iowa³⁰; died March 24, 1994 in Osceola, Polk, Nebraska. He married Nevada Parriot³¹ June 01, 1924³²; born April 02, 1900 in Auburn, Nemaha, Nebraska³³; died January 31, 1990 in David City, Butler, Nebraska³³.

More About Robert Arnold Reid:
Burial: David City Cemetery, David City, Butler, Nebraska
Comment1: Ran a Meat Locker Warehouse
Occupation: Owned a soda bottling plant in the 1940s called Ankle Deep
Other-Begin: Butler County³⁴
Residence: 1920, David City Ward 1, Butler, Nebraska³⁵

More About Nevada Parriot:
Social Security Number: 505-86-1309³⁶
SSN issued: Nebraska³⁶

More About Robert Reid and Nevada Parriot:
Marriage: June 01, 1924³⁷

- + 20 iv. Eldo Glenwood Reid, born October 30, 1900 in Conroy, Iowa, Iowa; died September 06, 1992 in Dawsonville, Dawson, Georgia.
21 v. Roland Reid, born April 08, 1904; died December 1904.

Generation No. 3

11. Olive³ McNee (David², William¹) She married **Unknown Burgess**.

Children of Olive McNee and Unknown Burgess are:

- 22 i. Dorothy⁴ Burgess.
23 ii. David Burgess.
24 iii. Lois Burgess.
25 iv. Donald Burgess.

12. Elsie³ McNee (Norman M.², William¹) died 1964. She married **Ed Miller**.

More About Elsie McNee:
Cause of Death: Cancer

Children of Elsie McNee and Ed Miller are:

- 26 i. Norman⁴ Miller. He married Elaine Swick.
27 ii. Robert Miller. He married Joan Brockschink.

16. Robert N.³ McNee (Norman M.², William¹) He married **Mildred Crowe**. She died 1980.

More About Robert N. McNee:
Occupation: Farmer

More About Mildred Crowe:
Cause of Death: Lou Gehrig's disease

Children of Robert McNee and Mildred Crowe are:

- 28 i. Gary⁴ McNee. He married Carolyn Memler 1962.

More About Gary McNee and Carolyn Memler:

Marriage: 1962

- 29 ii. Connie McNee.
- 30 iii. Lorie McNee.

17. Emmet Franklyn³ Reid (Elizabeth Katherine² McNee, William¹)^{37,38} was born May 23, 1896 in Norway, Benton, Iowa, and died July 11, 1950 in Newton, Jasper, Iowa. He married **Esther Violetta Fountain**^{39,40} June 21, 1922 in Millers Bay, Dickinson, Iowa⁴¹, daughter of Ira Fountain and Myrta Redman. She was born January 04, 1899 in Linn Grove, Buena Vista, Iowa, and died January 11, 1995 in Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa.

Notes for Emmet Franklyn Reid:

Obituary:

Graveside Rites at Cemetery Thursday
For Emmet F. Reid

Graveside rites for Emmet F. Reid, 54, former Laurens resident who died Tuesday, July 11, at Skiff Memorial hospital in Newton, were held at 4 p. m. Thursday in the Laurens cemetery. The services were conducted by members of Grace lodge No. 519, A. F. & A. M. and Larimer-McCabe post No. 24, the American Legion. Funeral services were held earlier, at 10 a. m. Thursday, at a Newton funeral home with the Rev. L. McConnell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Mr. Reid was born May 23, 1896, at Norway, Iowa, the son of Wilbert and Elizabeth Reid. On June 21, 1922, he was married to Esther Fountain.

Employed at Bank

The Reid family lived in Laurens for a number of years, during which time he was assist ant cashier at the First National Bank. He was a past master of the local Masonic lodge, and active in the Order of Eastern Star. In 1934 he became director of the Pocahontas county welfare office and of county old age assistance, and in 1940 moved to Newton to accept a similar position which he held until his death. He was well known over the state in welfare work.

Mr. Reid was a veteran of World Wax I and served overseas. - He was a member of the Presbyterian church, of the American Legion, was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, and vice president of the Iowa Welfare association.

Survivors

Surviving are his wife; one son, Eldo; a daughter, Mrs. Guy Efnor; and one grandson, all of Newton. Three brothers also survive: R. Arnold Reid of David City, Nebr., W. Lowell Reid of Detroit, Mich., and Eldo G. Reid of Randalia.

Among relatives and friends from a distance attending the rjtes here were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fountain and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sandburg, Linn Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fountain, Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cooney, Iowa Falls; Mrs. Dave Fluharty, Clarion; Mrs. H. W. Harris, Waterloo; Mrs. Frank Johnson, Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kneffs, Spencer; Mrs. Effie Wearmonth, Margaret Lane, Ardel Welle, Mrs. Ann Stewart and son Jim, and Dick Mohr, all of Newton, and Charlotte Narey and Eunice Lampe, both of Algona.

Obituary:

E. F. Reid Dies Today At Hospital

Was Head of County Welfare Department; Hold Rites Thursday

Emmet F. Reid, 54; director of the Jasper county welfare office and of county old age assistance, died early this morning at Skiff Memorial hospital. He was taken to the hospital nine days ago.

Mr. Reid had been in Newton since December of 1940 when he came here from Pocahontas county to head the old age assistance office. He held a similar position in Pocahontas, and had been in welfare work about 15 years at the time of his death.

He was born May 23, 1896, in Norway, Ia., the son of Wilbert and Elizabeth Reid. On June 21, 1922, he was married to Esther Fountain.

Surviving Mr. Reid are his widow, one son, Eldo, a daughter, Mrs. Guy Efnor, and one grandson, all of Newton. Three brothers also survive: R. Arnold Reid of David City, Neb., W. Lowell Reid of Detroit, Mich., and Eldo G. Reid of Randalia, Ia.

He was a veteran of World War I and served overseas. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, of the American Legion, was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner, and vice president of the Iowa Welfare Association.

He was well-known over the state in welfare work.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Toland Funeral Home, Rev. L. M. McConnell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

Burial will be at Laurens, Ia., where the family lived for several years, and Masonic graveside services will be held there.

More About Emmet Franklyn Reid:

Burial: Laurens Cemetery, Laurens, Pochahontas, Iowa

Cause of Death: Heart failure

Comment1: Spent time as a Bank Cashier

Military service: World War I

Occupation: Director of Welfare office

Other-Begin: Pocahontas County⁴²

Residence: 1930, Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa⁴³

More About Esther Violetta Fountain:

Burial: Laurens Cemetery, Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa

Occupation: P.E. Teacher/Housemother for the Blind in Vinton, Iowa

Residence: 1910, Barnes, Buena Vista, Iowa⁴⁴

Social Security Number: 484-22-3284⁴⁵

SSN issued: Iowa⁴⁵

More About Emmet Reid and Esther Fountain:

Marriage: June 21, 1922, Millers Bay, Dickinson, Iowa⁴⁶

Children of Emmet Reid and Esther Fountain are:

- 31 i. Emagene Elizabeth⁴ Reid, born December 25, 1924 in Laurens, Pocahontas, Iowa^{47,48}. She married (1) Guy Merrill Efnor⁴⁹ June 09, 1946 in Newton, Jasper, Iowa⁵⁰; born March 28, 1922 in Monroe, Jasper, Iowa⁵¹; died June 18, 1982 in Kankakee, Kankakee, Illinois⁵². She married (2) Lawrence W. Hayes January 01, 1983 in First Congregational, United Church of Christ, Villa Park, Illinois. She married (3) Robert L. Pettit October 22, 1988 in First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa.

More About Emagene Elizabeth Reid:

Occupation: Elementary School Teacher/ High School Counselor

Residence: Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa^{53,54}

More About Guy Merrill Efnor:

Cause of Death: Metastatic Malignant Melanoma

Cremation: June 20, 1982, Park Crematory, Park Forest, Illinois

Military service: U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II

Occupation: Appliance Service/Quality Control

Residence: 1930, Fairview, Jasper, Iowa⁵⁵

Social Security Number: 482-14-7141⁵⁶

SSN issued: Iowa⁵⁶

More About Guy Efnor and Emagene Reid:

Marriage: June 09, 1946, Newton, Jasper, Iowa⁵⁷

More About Lawrence Hayes and Emagene Reid:

Divorce: November 11, 1987

Marriage: January 01, 1983, First Congregational, United Church of Christ, Villa Park, Illinois

More About Robert Pettit and Emagene Reid:

Marriage: October 22, 1988, First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa

- 32 ii. Eldo Fountain Reid, born November 02, 1930 in Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa⁵⁸; died December 27, 1990 in Itasca, Du Page, Illinois. He married Helen Mary Goff August 16, 1953 in Woodward, Dallas, Iowa; born October 24, 1932 in Dallas Center, Dallas, Iowa⁵⁸; died September 16, 2002 in Itasca, Du Page, Illinois⁵⁸.

More About Eldo Fountain Reid:

Burial: Fluharty Lake, Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Cause of Death: Cancer of the kidneys

Occupation: Junior High School Science Teacher

Social Security Number: 482-28-6462⁵⁸

SSN issued: Iowa⁵⁸

More About Helen Mary Goff:

Social Security Number: 479-36-8328⁵⁸

SSN issued: Iowa⁵⁸

More About Eldo Reid and Helen Goff:

Marriage: August 16, 1953, Woodward, Dallas, Iowa

20. Eldo Glenwood³ Reid (Elizabeth Katherine² McNee, William¹)^{59,60,61} was born October 30, 1900 in Conroy, Iowa, Iowa⁶², and died September 06, 1992 in Dawsonville, Dawson, Georgia⁶². He married **Evelyn Knapp Hunt**⁶³ February 06, 1929 in Spirit Lake, Dickinson, Iowa⁶³. She was born October 22, 1903 in Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa⁶⁴, and died September 28, 1998 in Naples, Collier, Florida⁶⁴.

Notes for Eldo Glenwood Reid:

A Celebration of Eldo's Life

Read by Larry Reid at Memorial Service

I was born in Conroy, Iowa, the fourth son of Wilburt and Elizabeth Reid, My father was a buttermaker who managed a creamery and was always looking for a better job. So, my family moved every two or three years.

When I was 12, my father went to South Dakota to run a restaurant, and I had the job of doing all the dishes.

When I was ready to start high school, I went to Laurens, Iowa, to live with my mother's brother's families. After graduation I was offered a summer job at Templar Park Resort on Big Spirit Lake, to help pay my expense at Iowa State University. I worked there four summers, meeting my future wife, Evelyn, there the last summer.

. When I started farming on shares with my uncle, I would drive a Model-T 60 miles each way from Laurens to Spirit Lake every summer weekend to see Evelyn. My uncle always had late Saturday night chores, so I seldom reached Spirit Lake before 11:00 p.m. to start my date.

We were married in 1929 and farmed in Laurens until moving to a farm near Randalia, 200 miles east, in 1934. We made a trip in a Model-T coupe with two collie dogs occupying the trunk.

A year later our son, Larry, was born and two years after that, on the same exact day, our daughter, Olive, arrived.

A nephew, also named Eldo but nicknamed Dode, spent every summer with us, and sometimes Dode's sister Emagene was there, too.

I was always willing to share our home with others. One neighbor girl whose folks weren't going to let her go to high school because they wouldn't buy her clothes was taken in for four years. She then went on to college and became a very successful teacher. One couple who were hired as teachers at Randalia School became cherished

members of the family for three years when they couldn't find an apartment or house to rent. Evelyn's mother lived with us for a number of years.

I was Chairman of the Board of the Randalia Methodist Church and sang in the choir. I was also on the School Board for a dozen years, the last six as president.

When a back injury made it impossible to continue farming I bought a hardware store in town. Then, in 1952, I was offered a position once again at Templar Park, where I remained as manager until 1967.

I really enjoyed those years, meeting old friends year after year. I bought a cottage on the grounds, remodeling it, and we were able to host many friends and relatives each summer.

Eventually, as we grew older and winter became too severe to stay in Iowa, we discovered Cherokee Village and purchased a home there, while returning to Iowa in the summer.

The country life beckoned again, and we bought a farm between Ash Flat and Evening Shade, remodeling still another house, this one the biggest challenge of all. We raised lots of strawberries as well as many other fruits and vegetables, and always entertained the Cherokee Village Methodist Church Choir with an annual picnic, including strawberries and ice cream, on the farm. After joining the Ash Flat Methodist Church, I sang in the choir there, too.

Larry and his family moved to the farm, and I had the joy of having my grandchildren growing up next door during almost all of their school years.

When Larry moved to Arizona and back problems once again made it impossible to continue caring for the farm, Olive and her husband Earl insisted we come live in Georgia with them. So for the last six years of my life I became a Braves and Falcons fan, with the Razorbacks coming in second.

I've always loved dogs and always had a collie, with one exception, before moving to Georgia. There, Olive's Chow, then a black Labrador, became my close friends.

I was fortunate in my last years to have periodic visits from children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Any my grandson Brian was able to come help Evelyn take care of me the last six weeks of my life. I shall always cherish those moments of loving care.

I'm a lucky man ? 63 years of my marriage to my beloved Evelyn, loving families and friends, almost 92 wonderful years of joy on this earth.

But, hey, it's time to continue my life on another plane. Til we meet again someday, celebrate with me!

Adapted from the Autobiography of
Eldo Glenwood Reid
1900-1992

More About Eldo Glenwood Reid:

Cause of Death: Emphysema

Comment 2: Served as superintendent of Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Dickinson, Iowa

Comment 1: Started married life as a farmer

Residence: 1930, Marshall, Pocahontas, Iowa⁶⁵

Social Security Number: 485-36-8306⁶⁶

SSN issued: Iowa⁶⁶

More About Evelyn Knapp Hunt:

Residence: 1930, Marshall, Pocahontas, Iowa⁶⁷

Social Security Number: 483-38-9835⁶⁸

SSN issued: Iowa⁶⁸

More About Eldo Reid and Evelyn Hunt:

Marriage: February 06, 1929, Spirit Lake, Dickinson, Iowa⁶⁹

Children of Eldo Reid and Evelyn Hunt are:

- 33 i. Lawrence McNee⁴ Reid⁷⁰, born November 14, 1935 in Randalia, Fayette, Iowa⁷¹; died March 11, 1998 in Sedona, Yavapai, Arizona^{72,73}. He married Sandra Rae Wedgeberry August 21, 1960; born September 22, 1938.

More About Lawrence McNee Reid:

Occupation: Music Teacher

Social Security Number: 482-38-6897⁷³

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More About Lawrence Reid and Sandra Wedgeberry:

Marriage: August 21, 1960

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