

# *Descendants of Charles McNeil*

## *Generation No. 1*

1. CHARLES<sup>2</sup> MCNEIL (*POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>1</sup> was born 1679 in Scotland or Ireland<sup>2</sup>, and died July 17, 1737 in Sable Island, near Nova Scotia, Canada<sup>3</sup>. He married MRS. CHARLES MCNEIL Bef. 1700 in Scotland or Ireland. She was born Bet. 1679 - 1682 in Scotland or Ireland<sup>4</sup>, and died July 17, 1737 in Sable Island, near Nova Scotia, Canada<sup>5</sup>.

Notes for CHARLES MCNEIL:

The following information was provided to me from the research of Donald Southworth McNeil, by his son Alexander McNeil, and is used with permission:

"Charles died, along with his brother, Archibald McNeil of Ballycastle, Antrim, North Ireland, and other family members, aboard the Cathrine, off Sable Island, Nova Scotia, Canada, July 17, 1737."

From Suffolk County (Boston, Massachusetts) probate records, for September 12, 1737: "On (this) day, less than two months after the tragedy at Sable, Adam McNeil of Boston, Mariner, declared that, 'Charles McNeil of Ballycastle in the county of Antrim, Ireland, gentleman, was on board the snow Cathrine of Workington, and with others was cast away and drowned on the Isle of Sable on the 17th day of July last past."

An order that day by Probate Judge Josiah Williard appointing Archibald McNeil of Branford administrator of the estate began: "To Archibald McNeil of Branford in the Colony of Connecticut, shopkeeper, Greeting. Whereas your father Charles McNeil late of Ballycastle, in the County of Antrim in the Kingdom of Ireland, gentleman deceased, having while he lived, and at the time of his decease, goods, chattels, rights or credits in the county aforesaid . . ."

From these records several conclusions may be drawn:

1) Although the two bought land in Litchfield, Connecticut, Archibald McNeil of Branford, shopkeeper, was a different man from Archibald McNeil of Litchfield, the eldest surviving son of Archibald McNeil of Ballycastle.

2) Charles McNeil and Archibald McNeil, both of Ballycastle, both of whom died at Sable Island, were closely related, probably brothers.

3) Because an administrator for the estate of Charles McNeil was appointed in Boston, but there is no record there of an estate for Archibald McNeil of Ballycastle, it is likely that the estate (for Archibald of Ballycastle) was probated in Ireland.

It has not been documented when Charles left Scotland for Ireland, but it is estimated in some accounts to have been around 1700.

(note from Kathy McNeil Beaudry: the report below was commissioned by Rod McNeil, of MD, and compiled by the Ulster Historical Society)

"Mcneil Report  
UHF 4/98/008

McNeil of Ballycastle, Co Antrim

"The requested search for the client's ancestor has been completed and the findings presented in the following report. Civil registration of all births, deaths and marriages did not commence in Ireland until 1864. Non-Catholic marriages are registered from 1845. Before these dates virtually the only sources of information which directly relate to family history are local parish registers. However, relatively few of these date from before 1800 and virtually none from the beginning of the eighteenth century.

" Unfortunately, though not wholly unexpectedly, none of the five parishes along the north coast of Antrim - Dunluce , Billy, Ballintoy,

Ramoan and Culfeightron - have church registers which date from 1800, let alone 1700. This meant that we were denied the chance to examine the most important genealogical source of information on the McNeil family. In order to overcome this handicap we were forced to exploit to the maximum any other potentially relevant sources.

" Fortunately, for the purposes of this search the papers relating to the estate of the earls of Antrim were available to us. This collection of estate papers is one of the largest in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. Comprising about 500,000 documents, the material is made up of a very large number of seventeenth and eighteenth century leases, lists of tenants and a survey of the entire estate in 1734. The Antrim estate covered most of the northern part of Co Antrim, including, and of most interest for the purposes of this search, Ballycastle.

"To begin with we examined the survey of the estate made in 1734 which comprises a series of townland maps and a list of the names of the tenants of each farm on the estate. We found several McNeills including a Charles McNeile of Dowey whose farm totaled nearly 190 acres (English measure). We also found an Archibald McNeile in the townland of North Clogher whose holding was almost 250 acres (English measure). Because of the nature of these documents it was not possible to photocopy the maps of the above townlands.

" It was, unfortunately, not possible to find out any more about this McNeile family of Derry. Dowey is presumably Dooley which is a townland in the north coast of Antrim but closer to the town of Bushmills than Ballycastle. It is possible that Charles McNeil, the client's ancestor, may have lived in Ballycastle but possessed a lease of a farm in Dowey which was in turn leased to a sub-tenant. Of course, it is not actually possible to prove this. We then examined the extensive collection of expired leases relating to the Antrim Estate. Recently this collection has been expertly catalogued. However, there is still no index which meant that the calendar covering the collection had to be examined page by page. No references were found to a Charles McNeil, although quite a few leases were found relating to other McNeills. This included a fee farm grant of lands at Clougher (Clogher) from the Earl of Antrim to Archibald McNeill. However, the date of 1738 indicates that this man could not have been part of the immediate family of the client's ancestor.

" At this point a searcher, out of curiosity, picked up the index volume of the Journal of the Association for the Preservation of Memorials of the Dead in Ireland and looked up the name Charles McNeil. A reference was found and when this was looked up a most extraordinary piece of information was uncovered. The reference concerned the church plate in the parish of Culfeightrin, on the north coast of Ireland, and recorded that the paten - the plate on which the consecrated bread is placed in the Eucharist - is inscribed as follows: 'This server, chalice and flagon given to ye Church of Culfeightrin by Mr. Charles McNeill, the 1st land waiter of Ballycastle, Octr ye 25: 1728.' Unfortunately the article continues by lamenting that nothing more is known about this man. However, it is possible to infer a number of things about this Charles McNeill. To begin with, he was a member of the Church of Ireland rather than a Presbyterian. Secondly, his occupation indicates that he was closely involved with the harbour at Ballycastle. He was of some status being the first person appointed to the position of landwaiter in Ballycastle. Thirdly, he was a man of some wealth, being able to afford the costly church plate, while he obviously had a strong attachment to the parish church of Culfeightrin.

"This was not the only reference to a Charles McNeill in the aforementioned Journal. A second article was found which noted that the chalice of the Church of Ireland on the island of Rathlin is inscribed: 'Given by Mr. Charles McNeale ye 14 of Feb. 1719'. If this was the same

man as the Ballycastle landwaiter it would appear that he had the curious, but also generous, habit of donating silverware to churches in north Antrim. At the same time there is no evidence that these men were one and the same, although, on the other hand, there is no particular reason to doubt it. Rathlin Island is located about five miles directly north of Ballycastle and there have always been very close connections between the two. If Charles McNeill was associated with the harbour at Ballycastle then, undoubtedly, he would have had numerous dealings with Rathlin. In fact, Charles McNeill may have lived on the island in 1719, though we could find nothing to support this suggestion.

"Our next step was to examine the indexes of Connor wills and administration bonds in the hope of finding a reference to the will of Charles McNeill. We did not find one. However, we did find a reference to the administration bond of Charles McNeill of Brughanlea, dated 1739. Brughanlea is a townland on the north coast of Antrim located very close to the town of Ballycastle. The date is the date of the administration bond which could have been several years after the death of the testator. It is very unfortunate that we do not have a copy of this bond - it having been destroyed - as it means we cannot pursue this avenue of research further. However, there are strong grounds for arguing that this administration bond is in relation to the death of the client's ancestor. The two years between the date of death and the date of the administration bond may have been due to the difficulties encountered when trying to wind up the estate of a man who had drowned several thousand miles from his homeland.

"Interestingly, we found in a list of Protestant householders in the parish of Culfeightrin two Widow McNeals. Although it has been assumed that Charles McNeil drowned along with his wife in 1737, could it be that she did not accompany her husband on his fateful voyage, perhaps planning to join him at a later stage, and, in fact, one of the above Widow McNeals was his relict? Several other parishes along the north Antrim coast we found to have McNeal inhabitants in 1740, though no McNeals lived on Rathlin Island at this time.

"An index of the Belfast Newsletter newspaper, founded in 1737, has been compiled for the pre-1800 editions and we searched this in the hope of finding an account of the shipwreck in which Charles McNeil met his death. This necessitated a visit to the Linenhall Library in Belfast where the index is stored on microfiche. Unfortunately, however, the Newsletter was not launched until September 1737 while the shipwreck of the Catherine took place in July of that year. Nevertheless, we still looked at the index in the hope that there would be a later reference to the incident. However, we failed to find anything of relevance.

"Following this disappointment we turned our attention to grand jury record which for Co Antrim have survived from 1711-21 and then from 1727. We checked the surviving records up until c.1738. The available material is mainly concerned with payments to various individuals regarding services carried out on behalf of the grand jury. We found quite a few entries concerning McNeills, though none to Charles McNeil. We had hoped that a man of his status would have appeared at least once. An Archibald McNeale was present in Carrickfergus as part of a jury assembled there in 1720. However, this is not likely to have been the son of Charles McNeil as he would almost certainly have been too young. One interesting entry referred to Hector McNeill, who was High Sheriff of Co Antrim, who in 1734 was paid £60 for transporting certain people to America.

It had been pointed out to us that the client's ancestors had been active masons in America and that we ought to investigate whether they had previously been masons in Ireland. In order to follow this up we contacted the Dublin headquarters of the Irish freemasons where extensive records relating to the organization are stored. However, we were informed that

the earliest records of the lodge at Ballycastle date from the 1760s. In fact, there is no evidence that there were masons in the town before this.

"We found a number of references to McNeill pedigrees in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. We examined each of those but only one appeared to have any relevance to the enquiry in hand and even this is doubtful. This pedigree referred to the McNeills of Gigha and Taynish, places in Scotland, and included a Charles McNeill who was the son of Torquil and the grandson of Lachlan (born 1604?) by his first marriage. Unfortunately, other than his name, nothing is given about Charles McNeill - not even a date of birth or death. He did have an uncle and two cousins called Archibald though whether there is any significance in this is not clear. What is interestingly is the fact that a grandson of Charles' uncle was called Neill McNeill who lived at Colliers Hall in Ballycastle. This pedigree may refer to the family of the client's ancestor, but, at the same time, we really can't be sure.

"We consulted a number of other sources and also read several books dealing with north Antrim and the town of Coleraine. The additional primary sources checked included the Names' Index to the Registry of Deeds which was established in 1708. We found quite a few instances of the name McNeil, in its various form, though unfortunately no references to an Archibald McNeill in the index we decided that a full investigation of all these references would be too time consuming and probably not worthwhile. We also tried, and failed, to find any shipping records of the early eighteenth century relating to ports on the north coast of Ireland.

"Time did not permit further investigation. A large number of sources were consulted and anything we believed was potentially relevant was extracted. Unfortunately the lack of appropriate church records prevented us from finding out any definite information on the family history of Charles McNeil. However, there are strong grounds for believing that the client's ancestor was the landowner who donated the silverware to the parish church of Culfeightrin in 1728. He may also have been the Earl of Antrim's tenant in Dowey in 1734. Aside of these scraps of information, we regret to say that every little else was uncovered despite an extensive search. We do hope, however, that the information contained in this report may prove of interest. " (end of UHS report)

Child of CHARLES MCNEIL and MRS. MCNEIL is:

2. i. ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup> MCNEIL I, b. Abt. 1700, probably County Antrim, Northern Ireland; d. 1752, Jamaica.

#### *Generation No. 2*

2. ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup> MCNEIL I (*CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>6,7,8</sup> was born Abt. 1700 in probably County Antrim, Northern Ireland<sup>9</sup>, and died 1752 in Jamaica<sup>10,11</sup>. He married MARY RUSSELL<sup>12</sup> Abt. 1734 in Branford, Connecticut, daughter of SAMUEL RUSSELL and ABIGAIL WHITING. She was born Abt. 1708 in Branford, New Haven, Connecticut<sup>13</sup>, and died Bet. 1777 - 1778 in probably New Haven, Connecticut<sup>14,15</sup>.

Notes for ARCHIBALD MCNEIL I:

Edited from notes by Neil Fetter, 1983:

It has not been verified where Archibald was born. It was probably in Ireland, but could have been in Scotland. There is no evidence that his parents had ever come to America, so he almost certainly wasn't born in the US. It has been theorized that his parents left Scotland for Ireland, probably in the early 1700's. It is not known if he had any siblings.

Archibald is identified in historical publications as the founder of the McNeil line in Connecticut. He was identified in Branford in 1735 through land purchase records. He subsequently moved to New Haven where, in 1740, he was Assessor, and in 1746 was Surveyor of Highways. He also had many real estate transactions which

are recorded. He was successfully engaged in trade with the West Indies in partnership with Samuel Cook, and was also owner and supercargo of the ship "Peggy and Molly."

He was one of the founding "brothers" of the first Masonic Lodge in Connecticut, now known as Hiram Lodge number 1. According to that lodge's charter, the lodge was founded at a meeting "Held at Jehiel Tuttle's in New Haven on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, 1750." This was 17 years after the first institution of Freemasonry in the American Colonies on July 3, 1733 at Boston. It appears from the records of Hiram Lodge that Archibald was active in a Masonic lodge in Boston before becoming affiliated with the New Haven Lodge.

Archibald died on the island of Jamaica in the latter part of 1752. His will was probated in July, 1753, by his widow. She was placed under bond of 3,000 pounds sterling, indicating a very considerable estate for those times. In his will, he left the family home and its land to his wife, and the balance of his estate to his sons.

from notes of Rod McNeil, of MD.:

When Archibald's parents, and other relatives, were in mid-Atlantic, aboard the Cathrine, Archibald bought 100 acres of land in Litchfield, Connecticut, from John Morris, of New Haven. It had been agreed between Archibald and his cousins that Litchfield would be the family headquarters in America. On October 27, 1737, after the ship wreck, Archibald bought, for 200 pounds, half a gristmill near Litchfield, a half privilege in a stream, and 78 acres of land. In 1746, he sold the 100 acres to John Lyndley for 300 pounds. He sold the 78 acres to Samuel Baker, on December 12, 1751. (from Litchfield land records)

from GenealogyLibrary.com, New England Genealogy, volume IV, page 173:

"This family is descended from north of Ireland Protestant stock. According to "Burke's Landed Gentry," the representative McNeil (or McNeill) families, including those of Colonsay, Craigdunn, Tavnish, Gilha and Gaillachallie, all trace their lineage to a common ancestor, Torquille McNeil, of Tavnish (Scotland), who, in the 14th century, was keeper of Castle Sween. In the old country the race still continues vigorous and occupies a high social position. The late Eminent General Sir John Carstairs McNeill was of the house of McNeill of Colonsay. The immemorial heraldic device of the family is a silver lion rampant on an azure field, which usually is blazoned quarterly with the arms of notable allied families."

Note from Kathy Beaudry:

When I went to Branford, Connecticut, to research Arch and his wife and various ancestors, I came across an article about Samuel Russell (Arch's father-in-law) which mentioned that Archibald had at one time, prior to his coming to Branford, lived in New Milford, Connecticut.

Notes for MARY RUSSELL:

Mary was born in her Parents' home, the famous "Russell Parsonage." She was the widow of Benjamin Fenn when she married Archibald, and had two children - Mary Fenn, b. circa 1728 and Benjamin Fenn, b. circa 1731.

More About MARY RUSSELL:

Fact: April 05, 1727, Married Benjamin Fenn

Children of ARCHIBALD MCNEIL and MARY RUSSELL are:

3.
  - i. ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup> MCNEIL II, b. September 20, 1736, Branford, Connecticut; d. Bef. July 03, 1782, Milford, Connecticut.
  - ii. CHARLES MCNEIL, b. January 18, 1739, Branford, Connecticut; d. 1739, Branford, Connecticut.

Notes for CHARLES MCNEIL:

He is said to have "died young." This seems borne out by the fact that records show a second son of the same name baptized November 1, 1741, in Branford. It was a common practise of the time that, when a child died young, to name the next child of the same sex the same name.

- iii. CHARLES MCNEIL, b. November 01, 1741, Branford, Connecticut; d. October 25, 1745, Branford, Connecticut.
  - iv. JOHN MCNEIL, b. August 02, 1745, Branford, Connecticut; d. Unknown, possibly New York.

Notes for JOHN MCNEIL:

In several written historical accounts John is said to have "removed to Armenia Precinct in Dutchess County, New York." No date is given for the move, nor is it known if he stayed there, or married or had children.

There isn't now any town named "Armenia," in Dutchess County, New York, but there is one named "Amenia." A fellow researcher found a John McNeil listed on the tax roll for Amenia in 1778.

4. v. SAMUEL MCNEIL, b. October 09, 1748, Branford, Connecticut; d. April 11, 1820, Chenango Point, now known as Binghamton, New York.

### *Generation No. 3*

3. ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup> MCNEIL II (*ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born September 20, 1736 in Branford, Connecticut, and died Bef. July 03, 1782 in Milford, Connecticut. He married SARAH CLARK May 02, 1758 in New Haven, Connecticut, daughter of WILLIAM CLARK and HANNAH PECK. She was born January 22, 1742 in Lyme, New London, Conn, and died March 1821 in Oxford, Connecticut.

Notes for ARCHIBALD MCNEIL II:

Archibald II lived in New Haven and Milford, Connecticut, and was a large property owner. On July 3, 1776, he enlisted in the Continental Forces. He had previous service as an officer in the 13th Company, Captain Ephraim Preston commanding, of Colonel Lyman's Regiment, Colony of Connecticut, in the French-Indian War, 1755-1757.

From Rod McNeil's records, Oct, 1999:

Archibald served in the French & Indian War as a captain in Lord Loudon's expedition.

Children of ARCHIBALD MCNEIL and SARAH CLARK are:

5. i. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL, b. May 13, 1759, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Abt. 1808, New Haven, Connecticut.
6. ii. ARCHIBALD MCNEIL III, b. 1761, New Haven, Connecticut; d. July 08, 1794, New Haven, Connecticut.
7. iii. MARY MCNEIL, b. 1762, Connecticut; d. Unknown, Connecticut.

4. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> MCNEIL (*ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>16,17</sup> was born October 09, 1748 in Branford, Connecticut<sup>17</sup>, and died April 11, 1820 in Chenango Point, now known as Binghamton, New York<sup>17</sup>. He married LUCINA STONE<sup>18,19,20</sup> January 04, 1776 in Litchfield, Connecticut, daughter of BERIAH STONE and DEIDAMIA SMITH. She was born August 14, 1755 in Litchfield, Connecticut<sup>20</sup>, and died July 17, 1820 in Chenango Point, now Binghamton, New York<sup>20</sup>.

Notes for SAMUEL MCNEIL:

Samuel and his wife, Lucina Stone McNeil, are both buried at Chenango Point, New York, which was a small settlement near the present town of Binghamton, New York, but which no longer exists by that name. There is currently a cemetery in Broome County, New York, named Chenango Valley Cemetery.

Most of the information we have on Samuel McNeil's children comes from a Page from his family Bible, which was copied in the 1930's, by Fred McNeil. At that time, the Bible was in the possession of his cousin, Sarah Beebe McNeil Sullivan.

More About SAMUEL MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Chenango Point, now known as Binghamton, New York

Notes for LUCINA STONE:

Called "Sina" by the family; name written "Sina" in family Bible.

More About LUCINA STONE:

Burial: Unknown, Chenango Point, now Binghamton, New York

Children of SAMUEL MCNEIL and LUCINA STONE are:

- i. JOHN<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL<sup>21</sup>, b. March 24, 1777, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. March 16, 1778, Litchfield, Connecticut.
- ii. SALLIE MCNEIL<sup>21</sup>, b. December 30, 1778, Connecticut; d. August 31, 1779, Litchfield, Connecticut.
- iii. NABBY MCNEIL<sup>21</sup>, b. February 08, 1781, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. May 28, 1837, Litchfield, Connecticut; m. JONATHAN CARRINGTON, September 27, 1807, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
8. iv. JOHN MCNEIL, b. September 21, 1782, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. February 1823, Stillwater, New York.
9. v. POLLY MCNEIL, b. May 11, 1784, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
10. vi. JAMES MCNEIL, b. May 15, 1786, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. July 07, 1873, Raymond, New York.
- vii. ORELLA MCNEIL<sup>21</sup>, b. February 11, 1788, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. November 28, 1882, Chenango Point,

- near Binghamton, New York; m. JOSEPH Y. DAYTON; d. Unknown.
11. viii. ELIAS MCNEIL, b. May 15, 1791, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. October 10, 1830, Litchfield, Connecticut.
  12. ix. TRUMAN MCNEIL, b. August 27, 1793, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. June 13, 1821, Homer, New York.
  - x. SAMUEL MCNEIL, JR.<sup>21</sup>, b. August 02, 1797, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. Unknown.

#### *Generation No. 4*

**5. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL** (*ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 13, 1759 in New Haven, Connecticut<sup>22</sup>, and died Abt. 1808 in New Haven, Connecticut<sup>22</sup>. He married HULDAH AUGUR<sup>23</sup> September 25, 1779 in New Haven, Connecticut, daughter of ABRAHAM AUGER and ELIZABETH BRADLEY. She was born 1758 in New Haven, Connecticut<sup>23</sup>, and died Unknown.

Notes for WILLIAM MCNEIL:

William was a graduate of Yale College, class of 1777. In an old Yale catalogue, he is described as a Sea Captain. During the Revolutionary War (Jan 30, 1782-August 13, 1783), he served as a gunner of the American privateer\* "Marquis de Lafayette," under Captain Elisha Hinton. In the brief war between the United States and France, he was again on the same vessel, which was captured by the enemy. For a time, he was confined with others captured in a French prison. When not in service, he was engaged in business in Derby, Connecticut.

\* a privateer is an armed ship that is privately owned and manned, commissioned by the government to fight or harass enemy ships

from Rod McNeil's notes, Oct. 1999:  
He was a ship captain and owner.

Notes for HULDAH AUGUR:  
from Rod McNeil, Oct. 1999

Buried in MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Children of WILLIAM MCNEIL and HULDAH AUGUR are:

- i. SARAH<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL, b. 1780, New Haven, Connecticut; d. September 26, 1802, Connecticut.

More About SARAH MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, North-West Cemetery, Woodbridge, Connecticut

13. ii. NANCY MCNEIL, b. June 04, 1783, New Haven, Connecticut; d. February 09, 1833, Connecticut.
14. iii. WILLIAM MCNEIL, b. 1785, New Haven, Connecticut; d. June 24, 1852, New Haven, Connecticut.
- iv. POLLY MCNEIL, b. 1788, New Haven, Connecticut; d. July 1809; m. ALEXANDER COBURN, November 27, 1806; d. Unknown.
15. v. JOHN MCNEIL, b. 1790, New Haven, Connecticut; d. November 1818, New Haven, Connecticut.
- vi. MARIA MCNEIL, b. 1792, New Haven, Connecticut; d. January 23, 1875; m. RUSSELL BRADLEY, September 12, 1824; d. Unknown.
- vii. HENRY MCNEIL, b. 1794, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
16. viii. ABRAHAM ARCHIBALD MCNEIL, b. July 21, 1802, Derby, Connecticut; d. May 11, 1873, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

**6. ARCHIBALD<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL III** (*ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>24</sup> was born 1761 in New Haven, Connecticut<sup>24</sup>, and died July 08, 1794 in New Haven, Connecticut. He married ABIGAIL IVES Bet. 1782 - 1783 in New Haven, Connecticut, daughter of JOSEPH IVES and ABIGAIL. She was born 1766 in New Haven, Connecticut, and died July 24, 1844.

Children of ARCHIBALD MCNEIL and ABIGAIL IVES are:

- i. JOSEPH IVES<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL, b. 1784, New Haven, Connecticut; d. August 17, 1836; m. POLLY BEARD, October 07, 1806; d. Unknown.
- ii. SAMUEL MCNEIL, b. 1786, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
- iii. ASA MCNEIL, b. 1788, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
- iv. ARCHIBALD MCNEIL IV, b. 1790, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
- v. ABIGAIL MCNEIL, b. 1792, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Unknown; m. GEORGE JOHNSON, September 03, 1812; d. Unknown.

7. MARY<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL (*ARCHIBALD*<sup>4</sup>, *ARCHIBALD*<sup>3</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>2</sup>, *POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>24</sup> was born 1762 in Connecticut, and died Unknown in Connecticut. She married SAMUEL BASSETT Abt. 1782 in Connecticut. He was born April 05, 1759 in Derby, New Haven, Connecticut, and died July 06, 1854 in Derby, New Haven, Connecticut.

Children of MARY MCNEIL and SAMUEL BASSETT are:

- i. RUSSELL<sup>6</sup> BASSETT, b. January 23, 1784; d. Unknown.
- ii. KEZIAH BASSETT, b. August 20, 1785; d. Unknown.
- iii. WILLIAM BASSETT, b. January 13, 1788; d. Unknown.
- iv. HANNAH BASSETT, b. August 09, 1790; d. Unknown.
- v. EBENEZER BASSETT, b. September 15, 1792; d. Unknown.
- vi. ENEAS BASSETT, b. August 16, 1794; d. Unknown.
- vii. SAMUEL MCNEIL BASSETT, b. December 17, 1796; d. Unknown.
- viii. POLLY MINERVA BASSETT, b. January 05, 1800; d. Unknown.
- ix. MARCUS BASSETT, b. May 10, 1802; d. Unknown.
- x. GRACE BASSETT, b. June 01, 1804; d. Unknown.
- xi. ABRAHAM BASSETT, b. July 04, 1808; d. Unknown.

8. JOHN<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL (*SAMUEL*<sup>4</sup>, *ARCHIBALD*<sup>3</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>2</sup>, *POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>25</sup> was born September 21, 1782 in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died February 1823 in Stillwater, New York. He married ELIZABETH (BETSY) KILBORN in New York. She was born February 28, 1787 in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died August 18, 1807 in Stillwater, New York.

Child of JOHN MCNEIL and ELIZABETH KILBORN is:

- i. CHARLES KILBORN<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL, b. July 04, 1807, Stillwater, New York; d. Unknown.

9. POLLY<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL (*SAMUEL*<sup>4</sup>, *ARCHIBALD*<sup>3</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>2</sup>, *POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>25</sup> was born May 11, 1784 in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died Unknown. She married CHARLES G. BENNETT. He died October 02, 1841.

Children of POLLY MCNEIL and CHARLES BENNETT are:

- i. CORNELIA<sup>6</sup> BENNETT, b. April 21, 1809, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
- ii. GEORGE BENNETT, b. July 12, 1811, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
- iii. MARY BENNETT, b. October 19, 1813, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. Unknown.
- iv. HELEN LOUISE BENNETT, b. August 25, 1825, Litchfield, Connecticut; d. Unknown.

10. JAMES<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL (*SAMUEL*<sup>4</sup>, *ARCHIBALD*<sup>3</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>2</sup>, *POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>25,26,27</sup> was born May 15, 1786 in Litchfield, Connecticut<sup>28</sup>, and died July 07, 1873 in Raymond, New York<sup>28</sup>. He married HANNAH BILLINGS<sup>28</sup> Abt. 1810 in New York, daughter of DAVID BILLINGS and HANNAH EASTMAN. She was born December 31, 1791 in Amherst, Hampshire, Massachusetts, and died May 28, 1844 in New York<sup>29</sup>.

Notes for JAMES MCNEIL:

From notes compiled by Neil Fetter:

"From archives of the First Religious Society of Homer, New York, and the school and town records of Homer, it's apparent that James was an active participant in religious and civic activities. He was an officer and trustee of the Religious Society, Justice of the Peace, Town Path master, and Collector-Constable.

No records have been found of a second marriage, but he apparently did remarry, as the family Bible lists the births of John Truman McNeil and Sarah Adelia McNeil as being after the death of Hannah Billings McNeil."

It is also possible that the dates of birth are incorrect. Records of Glenwood Cemetery, Homer, New York, show that Hannah, wife of James, and their children Cornelia, Eliza C. and Sarah Adelia are buried in section 3, lot 7 of that cemetery, but no dates of birth are listed. The record also shows a Truman McNeil buried there, who died June 13, 1821, making it apparent that this is the brother of James McNeil. However, James is not buried with his family, nor is he listed as being buried anywhere in that cemetery. (Kathy Beaudry personally looked at the written records in 2002)

More About JAMES MCNEIL:

Burial: <sup>29</sup>



Notes for HANNAH BILLINGS:

Note from Kathy: In 2002, my cousin Tonny McNeil and I visited the cemetery and Hannah's grave site and took photos. The headstone is quite deteriorated and hard to read.

More About HANNAH BILLINGS:

Burial: May 1844, Glenwood Cemetery, Homer, New York<sup>29,30</sup>

Children of JAMES MCNEIL and HANNAH BILLINGS are:

- i. JAMES BILLINGS<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL, b. November 10, 1811; d. June 10, 1862, Corinth, Mississippi.
- ii. CORNELIA MCNEIL, b. July 14, 1813, New York; d. March 16, 1817, Homer, New York.
- iii. OREN STONE MCNEIL, b. August 19, 1817, Homer, New York; d. March 16, 1903, Davenport, Iowa.
- iv. ELIZA CORNELIA MCNEIL, b. October 14, 1819, New York; d. November 08, 1824, Homer, New York.
17. v. ALBERTUS JAMES MCNEIL, b. March 15, 1823, Homer, New York; d. August 06, 1881, Agua Fria Station, near Phoenix, Arizona.
- vi. HARRIET ANN MCNEIL, b. December 04, 1825; d. March 02, 1904, Geneva, Ohio.

Notes for HARRIET ANN MCNEIL:

It is unknown if Harriet married or had children.

- vii. MARY LOUISE MCNEIL, b. February 21, 1828; d. December 18, 1852, Circleville, Ohio.
- viii. ORELLA DAYTON MCNEIL, b. December 21, 1830; d. March 28, 1918, Grand Rapids, MI; m. CHARLES H. JOHNSON; d. April 01, 1903, Grand Rapids, MI.
- ix. HENRY CLAY MCNEIL, b. October 30, 1837, Homer, New York; d. March 26, 1924, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.
- x. JOHN TRUMAN MCNEIL, b. December 20, 1846, probaby New York; d. Unknown.
- xi. SARAH ADELIA MCNEIL, b. August 18, 1848; d. November 06, 1851, Homer, New York.

**11.** ELIAS<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL (*SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>31</sup> was born May 15, 1791 in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died October 10, 1830 in Litchfield, Connecticut. He married CATHERINE SANFORD October 11, 1813 in Chenango, New York, daughter of ASA SANFORD and SUSANNAH BALDWIN. She was born September 09, 1791 in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died Unknown.

Children of ELIAS MCNEIL and CATHERINE SANFORD are:

- i. HENRY<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL, b. May 30, 1815; d. 1868; m. MARTHA O'DELL; d. Unknown.
- ii. AMANDA MCNEIL, b. October 04, 1817; d. Unknown.
- iii. MARY ANTOINETTE MCNEIL, b. July 11, 1820; d. Unknown.
- iv. MYRON MCNEIL, b. March 22, 1822; d. Unknown.
- v. SAMUEL MCNEIL, b. January 14, 1824, Chenango, New York; d. Unknown.
- vi. CHARLES MCNEIL, b. February 25, 1829; d. Unknown.

**12.** TRUMAN<sup>5</sup> MCNEIL (*SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>32,33</sup> was born August 27, 1793 in Litchfield, Connecticut, and died June 13, 1821 in Homer, New York<sup>34</sup>. He married CATHERINE FRENCH Bef. 1818. She died Unknown.

Notes for TRUMAN MCNEIL:

Truman is listed in the Muster Rolls for the War of 1812. He was a private in Shepard's Regiment, Connecticut State Troops. (from Ancestry.com records) He is buried in the same section of Glenwood Cemetery in Homer, New York, as his brother James' wife, Hannah Billings McNeil, and Sarah McNeil, Cordelia McNeil and Eliza C. McNeil.

More About TRUMAN MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Glenwood Cemetery, Homer, New York

Children of TRUMAN MCNEIL and CATHERINE FRENCH are:

- i. DAVID TRUMAN<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL, b. Bet. 1818 - 1819; d. Unknown.
18. ii. AUGUSTA FRENCH MCNEIL, b. May 04, 1820, Homer, Cortland County, New York; d. Unknown.

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**13.** NANCY<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL (*WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 04, 1783 in New Haven, Connecticut, and died February 09, 1833 in Connecticut. She married RAPHAEL DICKINSON February 25, 1805. He died Unknown.

More About NANCY MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Grove street Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut

Notes for RAPHAEL DICKINSON:

Ralph was a member of Hiram Lodge #1, in New Haven, Connecticut, the same lodge which was founded by Archibald McNeil, et al, of Branford, Connecticut.

Child of NANCY MCNEIL and RAPHAEL DICKINSON is:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> DICKINSON, d. Unknown; m. JOHN GOODRICH NORTH, May 31, 1843; d. Unknown.

**14.** WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL (*WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1785 in New Haven, Connecticut, and died June 24, 1852 in New Haven, Connecticut. He married NANCY PRINDLE. She died Unknown.

Notes for WILLIAM MCNEIL:

Buried in Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut

More About WILLIAM MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Grove street Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut

Child of WILLIAM MCNEIL and NANCY PRINDLE is:

- i. EDWARD<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL, b. 1818, Derby, Connecticut; d. March 14, 1854, North Haven, Connecticut; m. CAROLINE HILL, Hendrick, New Haven, Connecticut; d. Unknown.

Notes for EDWARD MCNEIL:  
from Rod McNeil, Oct. 1999

Buried Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven, Connecticut

**15.** JOHN<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL (*WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1790 in New Haven, Connecticut, and died November 1818 in New Haven, Connecticut. He married MARIA MILES. She died Unknown.

Child of JOHN MCNEIL and MARIA MILES is:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL, d. Unknown; m. JOHN WYLIE; d. Unknown.

**16.** ABRAHAM ARCHIBALD<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL (*WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 21, 1802 in Derby, Connecticut, and died May 11, 1873 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He married MARY ANN HULSE November 25, 1827 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was born November 11, and died July 1892 in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Notes for ABRAHAM ARCHIBALD MCNEIL:

Sailed as supercargo in the West Indies Trade. In 1825, he moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and was in the shoe manufacturing business with Samuel Hodges, his wife's uncle. He founded the lighthouse in Bridgeport Harbor, and was keeper of the light at the entrance to the harbor.

Children of ABRAHAM MCNEIL and MARY HULSE are:

- i. CHARLES HUBBELL<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL, b. December 14, 1828, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. February 23, 1908, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Notes for CHARLES HUBBELL MCNEIL:

After completing his education, he entered the ship chandlery business in Bridgeport, Connecticut. In 1860, his brother Archibald IV came into the business. In 1863 they established a Partnership in the wholesale fruit and produce business, in the name of McNeil Brothers. In 1867, they moved to New York

and established a wholesale butter and cheese business under the name Archibald McNeil and Company. Three years later they embarked in the export and import business with Cuba, dealing in bituminous coal and produce. That business was discontinued in 1888 when Archibald IV returned to Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Twice married, no children.

Buried MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut

- ii. JOHN MCNEIL, b. October 09, 1830, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. April 04, 1900, Bridgeport, Connecticut; m. ANNA SCOFIELD, 1865, New York; d. Unknown.

Notes for JOHN MCNEIL:

John was a Harbor Master in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He and his wife are both buried in MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was the captain of the steam boat, J.B. Schuyler.

- iii. SAMUEL WILLIAM MCNEIL, b. March 16, 1832, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. December 14, 1894, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Notes for SAMUEL WILLIAM MCNEIL:

Fought in the Civil War. Buried in MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

- iv. ELIZA MARIA MCNEIL, b. January 09, 1835, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. March 06, 1835, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Notes for ELIZA MARIA MCNEIL:

Buried MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

- v. JOSIAH HOYT MCNEIL, b. February 09, 1835, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. August 24, 1836, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Notes for JOSIAH HOYT MCNEIL:

Buried MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

- vi. AUGUSTUS MCNEIL, b. August 31, 1837; d. August 18, 1838.

Notes for AUGUSTUS MCNEIL:

Twin brother of Sydney Adolphus McNeil. Buried in MT. Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

- 19. vii. SYDNEY ADOLPHUS MCNEIL, b. August 31, 1837, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. December 18, 1904, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- viii. MARY HOYT MCNEIL, b. October 20, 1839; d. November 25, 1840.
- 20. ix. MARY HOYT MCNEIL, b. December 12, 1840, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. 1872, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- 21. x. ARCHIBALD MCNEIL V, b. July 02, 1843, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. September 1926, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- xi. MARIA LONGWORTH MCNEIL, b. December 25, 1845, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. Unknown; m. LESTER J. BRADLEY; d. Unknown.
- xii. SARAH MCNEIL, b. August 28, 1848, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. 1853, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

**17.** ALBERTUS JAMES<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL (*JAMES<sup>5</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>35</sup> was born March 15, 1823 in Homer, New York, and died August 06, 1881 in Agua Fria Station, near Phoenix, Arizona. He married (1) EUNICE AMANDA BEEBE<sup>35</sup> August 28, 1849 in Grand Rapids, MI<sup>35</sup>, daughter of DANIEL BEEBE and SARAH PARSONS. She was born November 16, 1829 in Niagara County, New York<sup>35,36</sup>, and died May 03, 1860 in St. Louis, Missouri<sup>37</sup>. He married (2) MINNIE ANN DIX<sup>37</sup> February 01, 1864 in Delaware County, Ohio<sup>38,39</sup>, daughter of DAVID DIX and MARGARET POOLE. She was born December 08, 1838 in Delaware County, Ohio<sup>39</sup>, and died June 03, 1888 in Wheeling, WV<sup>39</sup>.

Notes for ALBERTUS JAMES MCNEIL:

from notes compiled by Neil Fetter:

No written history of Albertus has been found. We can only make some deductions from the available data. From his place of birth in Homer, New York, he can be traced to Grand Rapids, MI, in 1849, his place of marriage to Amanda Beebe. He had three sons born in Sandusky, Ohio, from 1850 to 1853, before moving to Davenport, IA, the birthplace of Homer H. McNeil. He left there, and went back to Sandusky for the birth of his son Frank. He was then in St. Louis, Missouri, where his son Frank died, and his son Edward was born. Shortly after Edward's birth, Amanda died, and then Edward died, also.

Albertus was back in Ohio for his second marriage, to Miss Minnie (Mary Ann) Dix. His only daughter, and

last child, Cora Dix McNeil, was born in Mattoon, Illinois.

In a diary kept by his son, Homer McNeil, Homer wrote, "Father and Jimmie went to California June 16, 1876." Later entries in the same diary show Albertus Moving from Red Bluff, California, to San Jose, in May 1878, then on to Carson City, NV, in August of the same year. He moved to his last home, in Phoenix, Arizona, about July 1, 1880. In Albertus' obituary, published in the Arizona Gazette on August 6, 1881, it is written, "Shortly after coming to Phoenix, he was instrumental in establishing the Gazette, now owned by two of his sons, and took great pride in it right up to the moment of his death." From that account, and the fact that four of his sons were in the printing and/or publishing business, it's probable that this was his profession also, at least at one time. It should also be noted, however, that in old copies of the Gazette, there are ads by A.J. McNeil, Saddle and Harness Manufacturer.

Albertus had been in poor health for some time before his death. Homer's diary notes: "

#### Notes for EUNICE AMANDA BEEBE:

Believed to have been known by her middle name, Amanda.

From the dates of death of Eunice and her two youngest sons, it seems likely that they all caught some kind of disease. Frank, not quite two years old, died first, on April 28, 1860, two days after his baby brother's birth. Then Eunice died on May 3, 1860, with her newborn baby Edward dying on May 9, 1860, at just 13 days old.

#### More About EUNICE AMANDA BEEBE:

Burial: May 1860, Belfontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri

#### Notes for MINNIE ANN DIX:

Sharyn, another Dix researcher, said that her records show Minnie's date of birth as 1838, instead of 1840, and her given name as Minnie in one record, and Mary Ann in another.

#### Children of ALBERTUS MCNEIL and EUNICE BEEBE are:

22. i. ALBERT BEEBE<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL, b. August 11, 1850, Sandusky, Ohio; d. January 14, 1932, King's Daughter's Home, Oakland, California.
23. ii. CHARLES HENRY MCNEIL, b. October 31, 1851, Sandusky, Ohio; d. August 16, 1921, Rochester, New York.
24. iii. JAMES HERBERT MCNEIL, b. October 05, 1853, Sandusky, Ohio; d. Aft. 1930, probably California.
25. iv. HOMER H. MCNEIL, b. March 26, 1856, Davenport, Iowa; d. April 03, 1942, Phoenix, Arizona.
- v. FRANK MCNEIL<sup>39</sup>, b. July 26, 1858, Sandusky, Ohio<sup>39</sup>; d. April 28, 1860, St. Louis, Missouri.

#### More About FRANK MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Belfontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri

- vi. EDWARD MCNEIL<sup>39</sup>, b. April 26, 1860, St. Louis, Missouri<sup>39</sup>; d. May 09, 1860, St. Louis, Missouri.

#### More About EDWARD MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Belfontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri

#### Child of ALBERTUS MCNEIL and MINNIE DIX is:

- vii. CORA DIX<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL<sup>39,40</sup>, b. March 10, 1867, Mattoon, Illinois<sup>41</sup>; d. October 25, 1947, NaPa, California<sup>42</sup>; m. (1) EBEN SKELLIE WHITE<sup>43</sup>, January 20, 1891, San Jose, California<sup>43</sup>; b. July 23, 1862, Findley's Lake, Chautauqua County, New York<sup>43</sup>; d. September 12, 1897, probably California<sup>43</sup>; m. (2) FRED DEMOTT HALL, May 03, 1903, San Francisco, California<sup>43</sup>; d. Unknown, probably California.

#### Notes for CORA DIX MCNEIL:

It is unknown if Cora had children from either of her marriages. She is buried in St. Helena, California. After the death of her father, an entry in Homer's diary states, "Mother and Cora went East in August, 1882." In the 1901 City Directory for San Francisco, Cora D. White is listed as a proof reader. I would guess that she was working in her brother's printing business (McNeil Brothers Printing, owned by Albert Beebe McNeil). Albert, and his business, are also listed in the City Directory for San Francisco.

**18.** AUGUSTA FRENCH<sup>6</sup> MCNEIL (*TRUMAN*<sup>5</sup>, *SAMUEL*<sup>4</sup>, *ARCHIBALD*<sup>3</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>2</sup>, *POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>) was born May 04, 1820 in Homer, Cortland County, New York, and died Unknown. She married HORACE BREWSTER

1845. He was born October 15, 1818, and died May 28, 1904.

Children of AUGUSTA MCNEIL and HORACE BREWSTER are:

- i. CATHERINE AUGUSTA<sup>7</sup> BREWSTER, b. January 15, 1846; d. Unknown.
- ii. HANNAH ELIZABETH BREWSTER, b. September 09, 1846; d. Unknown.
- iii. FREDERICK DOUGLAS BREWSTER, b. October 08, 1850; d. Unknown.
- iv. DAVID TRUMAN BREWSTER, b. February 08, 1853; d. Unknown.
- v. MARY BREWSTER, b. January 04, 1855; d. Unknown.
- vi. FANNIE BREWSTER, b. June 28, 1859; d. Unknown.
- vii. ADALINE BREWSTER, b. May 31, 1863; d. Unknown.

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**19.** SYDNEY ADOLPHUS<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL (*ABRAHAM ARCHIBALD<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born August 31, 1837 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and died December 18, 1904 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He married (1) ADELAIDE HUMISTON. She died 1883 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He married (2) FLORA EVANS Aft. 1883. She died Unknown.

Notes for SYDNEY ADOLPHUS MCNEIL:

Twin brother of Augustus. He was a tow boat captain, and the Lighthouse Keeper in Bridgeport Harbor, Connecticut. Subject of Painting of Lighthouse, being relieved during a storm.

The following individuals are buried in Sydney McNeil's plot:

Addie Bell McNeil, 1 yr. old, buried 1870

George M. Evans, 52 yrs, buried 1923

Adelaide McNeil, 38 yrs, buried 1883 (his first wife)

Sybil L. Evans, 50 yrs, buried 1895

John Evans, 77 yrs, buried 1920

Child of SYDNEY MCNEIL and ADELAIDE HUMISTON is:

- i. ADDIE BELLE<sup>8</sup> MCNEIL, b. 1869, 1870; d. Unknown.

**20.** MARY HOYT<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL (*ABRAHAM ARCHIBALD<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 12, 1840 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and died 1872 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She married MR. UNDERHILL. He died Unknown.

Notes for MARY HOYT MCNEIL:

Mary and her infant are both buried in her father's plot.

Child of MARY MCNEIL and MR. UNDERHILL is:

- i. MINOTT OSBORNE<sup>8</sup> UNDERHILL, d. Unknown.

**21.** ARCHIBALD<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL V (*ABRAHAM ARCHIBALD<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 02, 1843 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and died September 1926 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He married JEAN MCKENZIE CLANRANALD October 21, 1881 in New York City, New York, daughter of GEORGE CLANRANALD and ELIZA MC KENZIE. She was born Abt. 1863, and died Abt. 1961 in Connecticut.

Notes for ARCHIBALD MCNEIL V:

After finishing his education, he entered the ship chandlery business with his brother, Charles Hubbell, in Bridgeport. In 1876 they moved the business to New York. In 1888, the New York business was discontinued, and he returned to Bridgeport, and engaged in the coal trade with his 3 sons. He was prominent in local affairs and politics, and was a Connecticut state senator from 1902 to 1910.

from notes of Rod McNeil, Oct. 1999:

Built a summer house in Watch Hill, RI. Lived in Bridgeport on Stratford Ave.

Archibald, the 10th child, received his early education in Sellick's School, Bridgeport, then attended Thomas School in New Haven, and Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, graduating in 1860. He was a charter

member & president of the Eclectic Club, Seaside Club & Algonquin Club, also its president. Was Commodore of Bridgeport Yacht Club.

Notes for JEAN MCKENZIE CLANRANALD:

from notes by Rod McNeil, Oct. 1999:

Jean was 18 years old and living in a Catholic Orphanage in New Rochelle, New York, when she met Arch on a blind date. After marriage, they first lived in NYC, then moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, the birthplace of her husband. She was a widow for the last 40 years of her life, but remained active, playing bridge into her late nineties.

Children of ARCHIBALD MCNEIL and JEAN CLANRANALD are:

- i. ARCHIBALD<sup>8</sup> MCNEIL VI, b. June 01, 1883, New York City, New York; d. December 31, 1975, Palm Beach, FL; m. ANN ORR, 1925; d. Unknown.

Notes for ARCHIBALD MCNEIL VI:

After finishing school in 1901, he entered his father's business in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He was also prominent in local politics and civic activities. He was a state Senator from the 22nd District of Connecticut. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge #36 In Bridgeport, and served as Exalted Ruler of the lodge in 1910.

notes from Rod McNeil, Oct., 1999

He was elected Senator of Connecticut for 3 terms, serving from 1912-1920. With his brother Kenneth, he published and owned the Connecticut Daily News, The Bridgeport Post, Bridgeport Telegram and Standard American. He was a Democratic Committeeman for Connecticut and was listed in "Who's Who in America." He was also Police Commissioner for the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, a member of Everglades Club, Lacoquelle Club, honorary member of Old Guard of Palm Beach, and was on Franklin D. Roosevelt's staff when Roosevelt was Assistant Sec'y of the Navy during WW I I.

- ii. KENNETH WYLIE MCNEIL, b. September 14, 1885, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. 1964, Palm Beach, FL; m. QUEENIE BEATRICE HALL, November 1907, New York City, New York; d. Unknown.
- iii. RODERICK CLANRANALD MCNEIL, b. March 29, 1888, Bridgeport, Connecticut; d. June 1952, Palm Beach, FL; m. MILDRED HERMANN, June 09, 1917, ShipPan Pt., Stamford, Connecticut; d. Unknown, Palm Beach, FL.

Notes for RODERICK CLANRANALD MCNEIL:

He was the general manager of Archibald McNeil and Company, the business operated by the sons of Abraham Archibald McNeil.

notes from Rod McNeil, Oct. 1999

As a young man Rod was interested in sports, including racing automobiles, showing horses, and racing sailboats. He took over the McNeil brothers coal business from his father in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was a member of BPOE & the Old Guard Club in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and the Pequot Yacht Club in Southport, Connecticut. He donated the Pequot Cup to be raced for by Juniors on Western Long Island Sound about 1920.

He moved his family to West Palm Beach, FL, in 1924, and engaged in the construction and land development business. The family spent summers in Southport, Connecticut, where they were active in sailing out the Pequot Yacht Club.

**22.** ALBERT BEEBE<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL (*ALBERTUS JAMES<sup>6</sup>, JAMES<sup>5</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>43</sup> was born August 11, 1850 in Sandusky, Ohio<sup>43</sup>, and died January 14, 1932 in King's Daughter's Home, Oakland, California. He married SARAH ELIZABETH HOLLAND November 30, 1882 in Evergreen, California. She was born November 19, 1859 in Newark, New Jersey, and died November 12, 1943 in King's Daughter's Home, Oakland, California.

Notes for ALBERT BEEBE MCNEIL:

from notes compiled by Neil Fetter:

After finishing school, Albert worked in Chicago. In mid-1876 he moved to California, locating first in San Francisco, and later in San Jose. On March 1, 1879, he and his brother Homer started a label printing business in San Francisco, later moving it back to San Jose. On January 1, 1881, he bought out Homer's interest in the business. He continued in the printing business in San Jose and San Francisco until he died, in 1932.

Children of ALBERT MCNEIL and SARAH HOLLAND are:

- i. BERT HOLLAND<sup>8</sup> MCNEIL, b. November 19, 1884, Newark, New Jersey; d. March 15, 1911, King's

Daughter's Home, Oakland, California.

Notes for BERT HOLLAND MCNEIL:

Bert was active in his father's printing business in San Francisco. It was at that plant that he suffered an accident which caused the infection that ultimately led to his death. His obituary does not indicate a wife or children.

He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose, California.

More About BERT HOLLAND MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, California

- ii. FLORENCE AMANDA MCNEIL, b. August 30, 1885, San Jose, California; d. March 1984, Berkeley, California<sup>44</sup>; m. JAMES EDGAR SULLIVAN, February 02, 1913, San Francisco; b. March 20, 1888, Orinda, California; d. July 14, 1953, Orinda, California.

Notes for FLORENCE AMANDA MCNEIL:

Was married at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in San Francisco.

- iii. RALPH MCNEIL, b. January 28, 1888, San Jose, California; d. January 28, 1888, San Jose, California.

Notes for RALPH MCNEIL:

Died at birth, buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, San Jose, California.

- iv. SARAH BEEBE MCNEIL, b. June 09, 1889, San Jose, California; d. June 03, 1989, Alameda, California; m. (1) JOHN LAWRENCE SULLIVAN, November 25, 1909, San Francisco, California; b. April 13, 1876, Orinda, California; d. August 28, 1928, Berkeley, California; m. (2) FOREST WEST SMITH, Aft. 1928; d. September 02, 1956, Paradise Park, California.

Notes for SARAH BEEBE MCNEIL:

I found Sarah's d.o.b. info in the Social Security Death Index, under the name Sarah Smith, the surname of her second husband.

- v. PAUL MCNEIL, b. October 02, 1891, San Jose, California; d. December 1891, San Jose, California.

**23.** CHARLES HENRY<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL (*ALBERTUS JAMES*<sup>6</sup>, *JAMES*<sup>5</sup>, *SAMUEL*<sup>4</sup>, *ARCHIBALD*<sup>3</sup>, *CHARLES*<sup>2</sup>, *POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD*<sup>1</sup>)<sup>45</sup> was born October 31, 1851 in Sandusky, Ohio<sup>45</sup>, and died August 16, 1921 in Rochester, New York. He married JENNIE ROGERS 1876 in probably New York. She was born February 1853 in New York, and died February 26, 1921 in Rochester, New York.

Notes for CHARLES HENRY MCNEIL:

from notes compiled by Neil Fetter:

Charles lived for a time in Chicago, according to Homer's diary. An entry dated Dec. 1873, reads, "Charley left for Chicago." From later entries it appears that he left Chicago for California. In June 1880, Charley and his brother James left San Francisco for Phoenix, where Charles worked as foreman for the "Herald," a Republican paper which had been running for about nine months. On October 28, 1880, Charles started the "Arizona Gazette" as a rival paper to the Herald and a Democratic paper, the "Expositor." In the spring of 1881, Charles' brother Homer bought his interest in the Gazette. Late in 1881, Charles and his family moved to New York state, where he lived until his death.

in the 1900 for Rochester, New York, Charles' occupation was printer.

Children of CHARLES MCNEIL and JENNIE ROGERS are:

- i. ALBERTUS W.<sup>8</sup> MCNEIL, b. May 1877, New York; d. Aft. 1930, probably New York; m. NELLIE THANNEY<sup>46</sup>; b. Abt. 1883, New York; d. Aft. 1930, probably New York.

Notes for ALBERTUS W. MCNEIL:

In the 1900 census, for Rochester, New York, Albert's occupation was printer. In the 1930 census, he was married to Nellie Thaney, and owned his own printing shop. He was living with his wife's brother, John Thaney, and others. No children were listed for Albert and Nellie, but they may have already left home.

Notes for NELLIE THANNEY:

In the 1920 census, Nellie's brother's surname looks like "Ethaney" and in the 1930 census, it looks like "Thaney," but I can't find the brothers listed separately under either spelling.

- ii. GRACE E. MCNEIL, b. September 1881; d. Unknown.
- iii. HATTIE BELLE MCNEIL, b. February 1883, New York; d. Unknown.

Notes for HATTIE BELLE MCNEIL:

In the 1930 census for Rochester, New York, Hattie is listed as unmarried, and living with her parents.

**24. JAMES HERBERT<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL** (*ALBERTUS JAMES<sup>6</sup>, JAMES<sup>5</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>47</sup> was born October 05, 1853 in Sandusky, Ohio<sup>47</sup>, and died Aft. 1930 in probably California. He married CATHERINE LOUISE SPRINGER November 16, 1877. She died Unknown.

Notes for JAMES HERBERT MCNEIL:

From notes in Homer's diary, we know that James was in Chicago for a few months in 1874. Then, he and his father, Albertus J., went to California on June 16, 1876. Then, in June of 1880, he and his brother Charles left San Francisco for Phoenix. A later entry by Homer tells us that "James H. McNeil left Phoenix on July 2, and his family left July 6, 1884, all going to San Francisco."

Children of JAMES MCNEIL and CATHERINE SPRINGER are:

- i. HOMER HERBERT<sup>8</sup> MCNEIL, b. July 16, 1878, San Francisco, California; d. May 27, 1954; m. CLARA FRICK; b. Abt. 1880, New York; d. Unknown.
- ii. HATTIE SPRINGER MCNEIL, b. December 1882, Phoenix, Arizona; d. August 1972, Winchester, VA; m. WILLIAM N. LANDIS, Abt. 1925, probably California; b. Abt. 1885, Iowa; d. Unknown.

Notes for HATTIE SPRINGER MCNEIL:

note from Kathy: I got the date of death from SSDI (social security death index).

Notes for WILLIAM N. LANDIS:

In the 1930 census, William was a cabinet maker and owned his own shop and home.

- iii. FANNY ADELL MCNEIL, b. February 24, 1886, San Francisco, California; d. Unknown.

**25. HOMER H.<sup>7</sup> MCNEIL** (*ALBERTUS JAMES<sup>6</sup>, JAMES<sup>5</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, ARCHIBALD<sup>3</sup>, CHARLES<sup>2</sup>, POSSIBLY ARCHIBALD<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>47,48,49</sup> was born March 26, 1856 in Davenport, Iowa<sup>50</sup>, and died April 03, 1942 in Phoenix, Arizona<sup>51</sup>. He married CAROLYN JANE MORRIS<sup>52,53</sup> November 24, 1885 in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona<sup>54</sup>, daughter of WILLIAM MORRIS and ELIZABETH LARRABEE. She was born January 27, 1866 in Healdsburg, California<sup>55,56</sup>, and died June 22, 1948 in Prescott, Arizona<sup>57</sup>.

Notes for HOMER H. MCNEIL:

Homer was named for the birthplace of his father, James McNeil, in Homer, New York.

Homer & Carolyn Morris were married in the Methodist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. They are both buried in the McNeil family plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Phoenix, near W. Van Buren and the I-17 Freeway, along with several other family members.

From his diary we learn that Homer arrived in Chicago on June 4, 1873. He left for Davenport, IA in March, 1877. On December 4, 1877, he left Davenport for California, arriving in San Francisco on December 13th. On March 25, 1878, he moved to San Jose and started the newspaper, "Republic," which was published until July of that same year. In March, 1879, Homer and his brother Albert went into the drug label printing business. Homer continued in that business until January of 1881, when he sold his interest for \$3,500. In April 1881, he left San Jose for Phoenix, Arizona. On May 7, 1881, he bought a half-interest in the "Arizona Gazette," from Buckey O'Neil, a famous Spanish-American War hero. Charles McNeil and Bucky O'Neil had started the paper, with assistance from their father, Albertus James McNeil, and seed money from Homer. On May 2, 1882, Homer bought out Charles' interest in the Paper for \$1,300.

Also from his diary, we learn that in 1882, Homer bought the west half of block 95, in the City of Phoenix, and built a house and barn, cleared the land, and planted trees. In May, 1884, he incorporated the Gazette Printing & Publishing Company for \$10,000. His diary states, "I got \$6,000 for the plant and took \$3,000 in stock."

On April 12, 1887, Homer sold the Gazette to Thomas E. Farish and A.B. Fickas. For a while after that, he was interested in a gold mining operation, which later went bankrupt. He paid for those costs by selling off many acres of land he owned in Cave Creek, Arizona.

Soon after, he returned to the printing business in San Francisco, San Jose and Fresno, until 1890, when he returned to Phoenix and opened his own printing plant. For a time in the early 1920's, Homer also operated a



general store in Tolleson, Arizona, at that time a mostly-farming community west of downtown Phoenix. He then returned to Phoenix and operated a printing businesses there until his death. In the late 1930's, Homer was in partnership with his son Bill.

Like many of the McNeils before him, Homer was an active member of the Masonic Order, and the Order of the Elks.

The Phoenix History Museum has on display one of the printing presses owned by Homer. There is also a photo available of Homer and his workers, from the press room of the Phoenix Gazette.

In the 1880 Census, Homer, his sister Cora, and his Parents, "Albertis" and Minnie, are living in Carson City, Nevada.

In the 1900 census for Phoenix, Homer is living with his wife "Carrie" and 6 children. His son, William Wood McNeil, had died the year before.

On the 1910 census, Homer is living with his wife and children Mabel, Carrie, Helen, Dix, Fred, Burton, and father-in-law, William Robertson Morris. Homer's occupation is listed as Merchant and Stationer.

In the 1920 census, Homer & Carolyn and their children Carrie, Fred, Burton & William Seeley, were living in Tolleson, Arizona. Homer's occupation is merchant of a general mercantile store.

From "The Arizona Republic," November 23, 1935:

#### "H.H. MCNEILS CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW

"Residents of Phoenix for the past 54 years, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McNeil, 2022 North Eighth Street, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary tomorrow. They will hold a reception for their many friends from 4 to 9 p. m. in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Mable Fetter, 379 Orme Avenue.

"As a pre-celebration a family dinner party will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the home of another daughter, Mrs. P.K. Tompkinson (sic), 350 North 16th Avenue.

"Mr. McNeil's life had been connected intimately with newspaper and job printing work. He came to Phoenix from San Francisco in 1881 to publish the old Phoenix Gazette, selling it seven years later to establish the H. H. McNeil Printing of Office Supply Company, which was located opposite the court house building on West Washington Street for many years.

"Caroline Jane Morris came to Phoenix from California with her parents shortly afterward. Her father, William R. Morris, served as Justice of the Peace in Phoenix for many years and held other official position in the territory. The couple was married in the Methodist Parsonage on West Jefferson Street.

"Following their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. McNeil lived in a frame house on West Monroe Ave, where the Grimshaw-Acton Mortuary Building now stands. In 1890 they purchased the lot at the corner of Van Buren Street and Fourth Avenue, where they resided for the next 21 years. Weinick's Market now is located at that corner.

"Of their six children living, William and George McNeil, Mrs. Fetter and Mrs. Tompkinson (sic) reside in Phoenix and the Rev. Fred A. McNeil, several years vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopalian church, is now in charge of the denomination's Indian School at Fort Defiance.

"Mr. McNeil is still active as a printer, maintaining his office on West Washington Street. He sold out the H. H. McNeil Company in 1911.

"One of the souvenirs of the occasion, Mrs. McNeil unearthed recently is one of the original announcements of the wedding, which her husband printed in his own plant."

#### More About HOMER H. MCNEIL:

Burial: April 1942, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>58,59</sup>

Cause of Death: cerebral hemorrhage

Fact: Helped start 1st volunteer fire department in Phoenix

#### Notes for CAROLYN JANE MORRIS:

from her newspaper obituary: June 22, 1948

"Mrs. Carolyn Morris McNeil, 82, died last night at the Pioneers home where she had been a guest since December 6, 1947, entering from Phoenix.

Mrs. McNeil was born in Healdsburg, California, January 27, 1866. She went to Phoenix in 1882. She was a member of the Phoenix Chapter No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by a son and two daughters; Fred McNeil, Mount Pleasant, IA; Mrs. W.K. Fetter and Mrs.

Tomkinson, both of Phoenix.

The body was sent to Phoenix for burial."

Carolyn came to Phoenix at age 16, between 1882-1883. Her father signed the record of her marriage to Homer, since he was the Maricopa County Recorder at that time.

One of her granddaughters described Carolyn as "a little bit of a thing, with a tiny, tiny waist." She is said to have loved to play Bridge and other card games.

More About CAROLYN JANE MORRIS:

Burial: June 1948, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>60,61,62</sup>

Cause of Death: heart disease

Fact: 1882, came to Phoenix, age 16

Children of HOMER MCNEIL and CAROLYN MORRIS are:

- i. MABLE BEEBE<sup>8</sup> MCNEIL<sup>63</sup>, b. October 16, 1886, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>64</sup>; d. April 1983, Castro Valley, Alameda, California<sup>64</sup>; m. WILLIAM KAY FETTER<sup>65</sup>, October 15, 1913, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>65</sup>; b. September 06, 1887, Sunbury, Pennsylvania<sup>66</sup>; d. April 1987, Goleta, Santa Barbara, California<sup>66</sup>.

Notes for MABLE BEEBE MCNEIL:

Mabel and Kay were married at the home of Mabel's sister, Helen McNeil Seeley, in Phoenix. I discovered this from a letter written by Helen to her brother, Fred McNeil.

Mabel was cremated, and her ashes were scattered over Muir Woods, in accordance with her wishes.

She was a public notary, and notarized many family documents, including the sale of the Homer McNeil printing business to her brother, Bill McNeil, in 1942. A receipt for that purchase is in the possession of Kathy McNeil Beaudry.

After her husband retired, Mabel and Kay moved to California.

Mabel's middle name comes from her paternal grandmother, Eunice Amanda Beebe McNeil.

Notes for WILLIAM KAY FETTER:

After finishing school, Kay was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in Sunbury and Altoona, Pennsylvania, until moving to Phoenix with his family, in 1919. In Phoenix, he went to work as a clerk for R.G. Dun and Company, and its successor, Dun & Bradstreet. He worked there, as the manager of the Phoenix Office, until his retirement in 1952.

- ii. GEORGE MORRIS MCNEIL, SR.<sup>67</sup>, b. July 27, 1888, Phoenix, Arizona; d. January 26, 1960, Chicago, Illinois; m. RUTH GOODFELLOW PATTON<sup>67</sup>, December 23, 1918, Phoenix, Arizona; b. July 01, 1888, Bisbee, Arizona<sup>67</sup>; d. October 03, 1967, Phoenix, Arizona.

Notes for GEORGE MORRIS MCNEIL, SR.:

George McNeil was in military service in World War I. After the war he returned to Phoenix, where he was employed in the printing trade, mostly with the Arizona Republic and Phoenix Gazette. At the time of his death, he was en route to a Veteran's hospital in Virginia, but died on the train in Chicago.

- iii. CARRIE ELIZABETH MCNEIL<sup>67</sup>, b. November 04, 1890, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>68</sup>; d. July 1991, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>68</sup>; m. PHILLIP KIRKPATRICK TOMKINSON, 1920, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona; b. August 29, 1891, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania<sup>69</sup>; d. December 15, 1949, Fort McDowell, Arizona.

Notes for CARRIE ELIZABETH MCNEIL:

The family called her "Meme," the name her adopted brother Bill McNeil gave her in his infancy. She would hold out her arms to him and ask, "Do you want me?" He would hold his arms up to her and say, "Me, me." The nickname stuck for the rest of her life.

Meme defied her parents' wishes when she eloped to Prescott, Arizona, to marry Phil Tomkinson.

For her 100th birthday, Meme was interviewed by the Phoenix Gazette, the paper her father had owned from 1881-1888. Her son Fred Tomkinson & his wife Mildred hosted a party for her at their home in Phoenix. It was a wonderful get together, attended by some relatives who hadn't seen each other for years. Pictures and stories were shared, and a great time was enjoyed by all.

According to Kay Harrold, Meme didn't like men with beards or moustaches because she didn't like her maternal grandfather, William R. Morris.

More About CARRIE ELIZABETH MCNEIL:

Burial: July 1991, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>70,71</sup>

Notes for PHILLIP KIRKPATRICK TOMKINSON:

After coming to Arizona with his family, Phil was employed for a number of years as a miner at Canon, Arizona. He also did some prospecting on his own. The family then moved to Phoenix, and he worked for the Salt River Valley Water Users Association. For many years prior to his death, he was the supervisor of the water intake pumping station on the Verde River on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation, northeast of Scottsdale.

The obituary of Phil, from one of the Phoenix newspapers:

"TOMKINSON FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services for Phillip Kirkpatrick Tomkinson, 58, supervisor of water production for the City of Phoenix for the past 22 years, who died yesterday at Mesa District Hospital, were to be conducted this afternoon at A. L. Moore and Sons Mortuary.

The Reverend Morton T. Kelsey of Trinity Cathedral was to officiate. Cremation was to follow at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Tomkinson had been a resident of Arizona for the past 43 years. He was in charge of water production for the city at Fort McDowell. He served during World War I with the Army, and during World War II with the Navy.

He was a native of Pennsylvania.

Survivors are his wife, Carrie of Fort McDowell; three sons, Fred, Phillip K., Jr., and Robert D. Tomkinson, all of Phoenix; two sisters, Mrs. Sidney Fritche, Chino Valley, and Mrs. Isabelle Julinell, Scarsdale, N.Y.; a brother Francis, Merchantville, N. J.; and four grandchildren."

More About PHILLIP KIRKPATRICK TOMKINSON:

Burial: December 1949, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>71,72</sup>

- iv. SAIDEE HELEN MCNEIL<sup>73</sup>, b. July 18, 1892, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>73</sup>; d. October 23, 1915, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>73,74</sup>; m. WILLIAM HANSEL SEELEY<sup>75,76,77</sup>, October 15, 1911, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>78,79</sup>; b. September 1887, Indiana, probably in Marion County<sup>80,81</sup>; d. Aft. 1930, probably Seattle, Washington<sup>82</sup>.

Notes for SAIDEE HELEN MCNEIL:

Helen never recovered from the complications of giving birth to her only child, William Hansel Seeley, Jr., in October, 1912. In her weakened condition, she contracted Bright's Disease, a type of chronic kidney infection. While not usually fatal in healthy adults, it finally took her life in 1915. In early photos taken after her son's birth, Helen was in a wheelchair, and looked "puffy." After her death, her son went to live with her parents, and was adopted by them shortly thereafter.

Helen is buried in the McNeil family plot in Greenwood Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona, next to her parents and her brother Dix.

More About SAIDEE HELEN MCNEIL:

Burial: October 1915, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>83,84,85,86</sup>

Fact: had complications from Childbirth

Notes for WILLIAM HANSEL SEELEY:

According to second-hand family lore, Bill felt burdened by an invalid wife and baby son, so he abandoned them in late 1913 or early 1914. He registered for the draft for WW I in Juneau, Alaska in 1914. In my father's "baby book," someone had written that, at age 14 months, my father's first sentence was, "Papa gone." My father said that he wrote a letter to his birth father once, but that he never received an answer.

I haven't discovered yet why Bill came to Phoenix. In the 1910 census he was still in his home state of Indiana, working as a pharmacist. When he and Helen married, Bill was working at the Adams Pharmacy in Phoenix.

A news article in the FAIRBANKS DAILY TIMES, dated September 13, 1916 reads:

"William H. Seeley has purchased the stocks of the Owl and Winn Drug stores in Juneau, and will consolidate the stores in the present location of the Owl Drug company at the corner of Second and Seward streets."

By the 1920 census, Bill was living in Seattle, WA, still working as a pharmacist. He was single at that time. In the 1930 census, he was still in Seattle, married to a woman named Lucile and had an eight year old son named Robert, who was born in Oregon. Bill's occupation was commercial artist at that time.

Marriage Notes for SAIDEE MCNEIL and WILLIAM SEELEY:

Helen and Bill were married at the home of Helen's parents, at 345 W. Van Buren Street in Phoenix.

- v. HOMER DIX MCNEIL<sup>87,88</sup>, b. July 01, 1895, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>88,89</sup>; d. September 11, 1923, Prescott, Arizona<sup>90</sup>.

Notes for HOMER DIX MCNEIL:

Homer went by his middle name "Dix," the birth surname of Homer McNeil's step-mother, Cora Dix. Dix served in the Army, in France, during World War I, from 1916-1918. When he left the service, he was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. While stationed in Washington D.C., he contracted tuberculosis, from which he never recovered. He was eventually hospitalized in the V.A. Hospital at Fort Whipple, part of Prescott, Arizona, ninety miles north of Phoenix. His occupation is listed as "salesman" on his death certificate. Dix never married or had children.

More About HOMER DIX MCNEIL:

Burial: September 1923, Greenwood Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>91</sup>

Cause of Death: Tuberculosis

Fact: Bet. 1916 - 1918, 2nd Lt., Army Corps of Engineers

Fact 3: never married

Fact 4: occupation variation on autopsy - salesman

Medical Information: contracted during WWI, in Washington D.C.

- vi. WILLIAM WOOD MCNEIL, b. October 29, 1897, Phoenix, Arizona; d. March 12, 1899, Phoenix, Arizona.
- vii. FREDERICK ALBERTUS MCNEIL, SR.<sup>92</sup>, b. May 28, 1900, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>93</sup>; d. July 13, 1983, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>93</sup>; m. ELISABETH BEECHER, April 21, 1931, Hastings, Nebraska; b. January 18, 1900, North Platte, Nebraska<sup>94</sup>; d. March 28, 1982, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>94</sup>.

Notes for FREDERICK ALBERTUS MCNEIL, SR.:

Fred graduated from Phoenix Union High school, then went on to the University of Arizona, in Tucson, and the University of the South. He entered the Episcopalian ministry and served in Nebraska, Iowa and Phoenix. He retired from the ministry in Phoenix. During World War II he was an Army Chaplain, and served on troop ships in the Atlantic as well as in camps in England.

Fred was the first native Arizonan to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. He was ordained deacon in 1929 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Phoenix, and priest on September 21, 1930. One of the guests at his ordination was Miss Elisabeth Beecher, sent by the New York office of the church as a field worker to "see what we could do to be of help to the clergy out there in the wilds."

His first assignment was as vicar of St. Andrew's Mission on the west side of Phoenix. Then he served at the Navajo Mission at Fort Defiance, Arizona. Fred returned to Phoenix in 1963, to start Trinity Church in Kearney, Arizona. He and his wife then returned to Phoenix in 1967, and to St. Andrew's in Glendale, where Father McNeil assisted as associate rector emeritus until his retirement in 1981. During his time there, the Parish built the Christian education facility and Parish hall, naming it "McNeil Hall."

In June of 1950, Fred officiated in the Baptism of multiple family members, including Kathy & Mark McNeil, Sharon & Kathleen Bogard, and the Gann children, among others. This took place at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, in downtown Phoenix.

From "The Star," Wednesday, June 3, 1970

#### "FRED'S BOYS GET TOGETHER FOR CAMP ALLAH REUNION

"Way back in 1920-24, the Rev. Fred McNeil was a YMCA counselor at summer camp and for a time, a full time Y Employee.

"Many of the Valley's leading citizens were among 'Fred's boys' in Camp Allah, during the years it was located in The Garden of Allah, below Wickenburg, on the Hassayampa River, and in the next two years at a location outside Prescott, in the Bradshaw Mountains, on Wolf Creek.

"The third reunion of 'the boys' was held in the McNeil home, 5721 W. Heatherbrae, last week. There were 18 attending, including Fred Riggins, Dr. Phillip Rive, Charles Osborn; some of those who couldn't be present but attended previously were Barry and Bob Goldwater and Gov. Jack Williams. There are engineers, an oral surgeon, a pharmacist, an official of the Internal Revenue bureau.

"The group plan to reunite every fall, with the next reunion planned for this Nov. 30.

"Father Fred was first vicar of St. Andrew's Church in Phoenix, and is now associate emeritus of St. Andrew's in its permanent location at 63rd Avenue and Camelback, Glendale."

Notes for ELISABETH BEECHER:

Known in the family as "Aunt Patty."

More About ELISABETH BEECHER:

Cause of Death: heart disease

- viii. BURTON BENNETT MCNEIL<sup>95</sup>, b. July 04, 1902, Iron Springs, near Prescott, Arizona<sup>96</sup>; d. March 13, 1929, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>96</sup>; m. SARAH ETTA RAY<sup>96</sup>, March 1926, Florence, Arizona<sup>96</sup>; b. August

30, 1909, Notasulga, AL<sup>96</sup>; d. May 30, 1991, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>96</sup>.

Notes for BURTON BENNETT MCNEIL:

as told to Donna McNeil Bogard by Aunt Meme (Carrie McNeil Tomkinson) and related to the author:

During the summer of 1902, when Meme was sixteen, she accompanied her mother siblings to their summer home in Iron Springs, near Prescott, Arizona. Meme didn't know her mother was pregnant, until she saw her unpacking a layette for the upcoming birth. When Carolyn went into labor, her doctor was summoned from Phoenix. He came up by train to deliver Burton, and then stayed for two days with the family. Meme complained about the doctor's presence because her mother had insisted she wait on him. According to Donna, her father worked as a printer in Phoenix.

More About BURTON BENNETT MCNEIL:

Cause of Death: spinal meningitis

- ix. WILLIAM SEELEY MCNEIL<sup>97,98</sup>, b. October 07, 1912, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>98</sup>; d. January 1994, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>99</sup>; m. (1) EVELYN CHRISTINE DOWNEY<sup>100</sup>, June 06, 1937, Phoenix, Arizona<sup>100</sup>; b. May 05, 1917, Kingsville, Kleburg County, Texas<sup>101</sup>; d. February 18, 1975, Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona<sup>102</sup>; m. (2) ELAINE MILLAR, Private; b. Private.

Notes for WILLIAM SEELEY MCNEIL:

Bill McNeil was born William Hansel Seeley, Jr., and was adopted by his maternal grandparents, Homer and Carolyn McNeil, in 1915, after the death of Bill's mother, Helen McNeil Seeley. At that time his name was changed to William Seeley McNeil.

Bill was a printer all his life, working first for his father, then as a partner with his father. After his father Homer's death, Bill bought his father's half-interest in the printing business from his mother, Carolyn McNeil, and his sister, Carrie "Meme" McNeil. He and his first wife, Evelyn, lived next door to the print shop, at least until 1944. It is not known what happened to that business or when they moved to their home on Pierce Street in Phoenix.

Bill next went to work for Valley National Bank, in the print shop. In the 1950's, Bill & Evelyn started their own printing business, Printing by McNeil, which they ran for several years. After some financial set-backs Bill went to work for Arizona Public Service Company, in their printing department. He retired from APS in October 1977, having worked there for 19 1/2 years.

During his lifetime, Bill enjoyed "rock hounding" and jewelry making, stamp and coin collecting, painting and writing poetry. He was also interested in HAM radio. He enjoyed bowling and won many trophies for his efforts. In the mid-1950's, Bill was taking flying lessons, with an eye to getting his private pilot's license. He gave up that goal when his best friend, Bill Carson, died in a small-plane crash about 1958. The two men had been friends since Kindergarten.

He was living with his daughter, Martha McNeil Helms, when he died.

More About WILLIAM SEELEY MCNEIL:

Burial: Unknown, cremated, ashes in possession of Kathy McNeil Beaudry

Cause of Death: stroke

Notes for EVELYN CHRISTINE DOWNEY:

Evelyn came to Mesa, Arizona, from Texas between 1918-1919. In the 1920 census, taken in January of that year, she is living with her mother, Grace Carter Downey, a widow, and her maternal grandparents, John Q. Carter, and Elizabeth Blansit Carter. Her grandparents were farmers. Her father died when she was a baby, and nothing is yet known of him.

After her mother re-married, to Roscoe Lloyd Mills, Evelyn remained living with her grandparents and other family members, until age five. Her step-father died of tuberculosis some in 1925. In 1927, Evelyn's mother went into a sanatorium to treat her own case of tuberculosis, from which she didn't recover. She died in July of 1929. During her illness, Mrs. Mills placed her children in an orphanage, where they stayed there until after her death.

When Evelyn was twelve, she was fostered to Miss Katherine Christy, a school teacher at the Adams Elementary school. Evelyn lived with "Aunt Kate," until her marriage to Bill McNeil in June of 1937. Her brother, Lloyd Mills, was adopted by a single woman, May Noble, when he was about seven. Her sister Frances lived in a succession of foster homes.

After graduating from Phoenix Union High school, Evelyn attended Phoenix College. During the early part of her marriage, she worked with her husband in the printing business. When Bill McNeil again had his own business in the fifties, Evelyn ran the office, kept the books, and made deliveries of finished jobs. In the mid-1960's, she went to work at Motorola, where she worked until her death. It was a job she thoroughly enjoyed. Evelyn was an avid bowler, and won many trophies. She liked to read, sew, garden and play "Yahtzee." After she died, her children found a letter from First National Bank, congratulating her on winning first place in a city-wide essay contest, and awarding her a savings account with a deposit of \$10.00. She was ten years old when she won the prize.

More About EVELYN CHRISTINE DOWNEY:

Burial: Unknown, cremated, ashes strewn in South Mtn. Park, Phoenix, Arizona

Cause of Death: rupture of abdominal aortic aneurism

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM MCNEIL and EVELYN DOWNEY:

Attending the bride was Frances Noble, Evelyn Downey McNeil's younger sister.

### *Endnotes*

1. *Descendants of Archibald, Adam & Alexander McNeil*, by Donald S. McNeil, 1983 & 1987, used with permission.
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