

THE McCORMICK FAMILY

The following family history was mostly taken from *PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGIES*, by William Henry Egle published in 1896, and from information from a descendant. I have only listed the first portion of this history leading up to the generation of Elizabeth McCormick who married James Sharon and joined the American branch of the Sharon Family.

OWEN McCORMICK

This is as far back as I can get, Owen was born and died in Northern Ireland. He was born in 1519 and died in 1548. His wife Matilda was born in 1528 and died in 1551. I have nothing more except on their son Hugh, next in line.

HUGH McCORMICK

He was born in Ireland in 1570 and died there in 1635. He married Elizabeth O'Connor who was born in 1567 and died in 1590.

THOMAS McCORMICK

Thomas was born in Londonderry, Ulster, Ireland in 1610. He married Matilda Patterson in the 1630s. He fought in the 105 Day War of King James and has his name inscribed in a stained glass window in the Londonderry Cathedral. Nothing more.

JAMES McCORMICK

One of the signers of the humble address of the Governor, officers, clergy and other gentlemen in the city and garrison of Londonderry, to William and Mary, of the date of July 29, 1689, shortly after the famous siege of that noted stronghold of Protestantism, was James McCormick. Further than that we have little knowledge of him, except that he was the ancestor of the family of whom we have this record.

Based on the ages of his children, I estimate that James McCormick was born in about 1645 and in Londonderry, Ulster, Northern Ireland. His wife was Sarah Welsh. He brought his family to America in about 1730 or so and settled in what is now Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Among perhaps other children, he had the following children:

Hugh McCormick

Hugh McCormick was born about 1695. This is our line and he is covered in the next section.

James McCormick

He was born in 1697.

Sarah McCormick

She was born in 1700.

Thomas McCormick

Thomas was born in 1702, also in Ulster. He married Elizabeth Carruth in about 1726 while he was still in Londonderry, Ireland. Elizabeth was the daughter of Adam Carruth and the sister of Walter Carruth, both early settlers in Hanover Township.

Thomas came to Pennsylvania with his parents and family around 1735. In 1745 he and his wife warranted 100 acres of land in Hanover, Lancaster County. Shortly afterwards, he sold and moved to East Pennsboro in Cumberland County.

Both Thomas and Elizabeth died in East Pennsboro, he in 1762 and she in 1767.

They had six children.

THOMAS McCORMICK born in 1727. He married Jean Oliver, daughter of John Oliver and Mary Patterson, in 1756. They remained in East Pennsboro the rest of their lives. Thomas died in 1778 and Jean on December 7, 1804. They had eight children:

John McCormick born March 26, 1757. He married Ann Sample.

William McCormick born March 26, 1757. He married Mary Williamson.

Isabella McCormick born December 29, 1759. She married John Walker May 15, 1783 and died September 7, 1823.

Elizabeth McCormick born December 15, 1761. She married John Buchannan in 1786. She died December 15, 1831.

Mary McCormick born March 18, 1763. She married John Sample January 9, 1790 and died May 22, 1842.

Jane McCormick born February 19, 1765 and died November 6, 1790. She married George Hammond.

Sarah McCormick born March 1, 1767 and died in 1844. She married William Lytle Brown.

Griselda McCormick born April 7, 1769. She married Ezra Wright in June 1818.

JAMES McCORMICK born in 1729 in Ulster, died in East Pennsboro in January 1802. He married Mary Oliver, born 1728 and died November 29, 1804. They were married in 1760. Children were:

James McCormick born 1761 and married to Margaret Oliver.

Robert McCormick born 1764 and died 1809. He never married.

William McCormick born 1766 and married Margery Bines.

Elizabeth McCormick

Isabella McCormick

WILLIAM McCORMICK born in Ulster in 1732 and died in Perry County, Ohio in 1812. He married Mary Wiggin in 1756. She was born in 1735 and died in 1814 and was a daughter of Ennion Wiggin. William was an early settler in Juniata County right after he married. He sold in 1803 and moved to Ohio. The children were:

Elizabeth McCormick born 1757 and married William Bowland.

Margaret McCormick born 1759 and married Thomas Black.

Thomas McCormick born 1761 and married Ann Morrison.

Anna McCormick born 1764 and married David Hardy in 1793.

William McCormick born 1766 and died in Logan County Ohio in 1832. He first married Elizabeth Black in 1796 who died in 1801 and then Isabella Shaw in 1802.

James McCormick born 1769 and married Rebecca Cunningham.

John McCormick born 1771 and married Elizabeth Hardy in 1800. He lived in Fayette County, Ohio.

Hugh McCormick born 1775 and married Martha Martin in 1802. They lived in Perry County, Ohio.

HUGH McCORMICK born in 1735 and died in Scott County, Kentucky in September 1799. He married Catherine Sanderson in 1742. She was a daughter of George Sanderson. She was born in 1742 and died in 1810. They settled in Fermanagh, Juniata County in 1755. They were driven out by Indians on several Occassions and after serving in the Revolution, they moved to Kentucky in 1798. Hugh died in Scott County in 1799. Their children were:

Martha McCormick born 1768 and married Rowland Chambers.

Elizabeth McCormick born 1770 and died 1824. She married David Logan.

George McCormick born 1772 and died in 1816 from disease incurred in the War of 1812.

William McCormick born 1774 and died 1829. He never married.

Mary McCormick born 1776 and married to Samuel Glass.

Hugh McCormick born 1779 and died 1795.

ROBERT McCORMICK was born in 1738 in Hanover Township of Lancaster County. He married Martha Sanderson, daughter of George Sanderson, in 1770. He moved to Fermanagh Township in 1755 and was married there. In July 1779, he sold his farm and moved to Virginia. His new land was part in Augusta County and part in Rockbridge County. He fought in the Virginia line at Cowpens in the Revolution. Martha died in 1807 and Robert died October 12, 1818, both in Augusta County, Virginia. Their children were:

George Elliot McCormick born 1771 and married Jane Steel.

Martha McCormick born 1773 and married Richard Brient. They remained in Rockbridge County.

Elizabeth McCormick born 1774. She married Hugh Gibson and they moved to Henderson, Kentucky.

William McCormick born April 12, 1776. He married first Mary Steel and then married Sarah McClelland.

James McCormick born January 7, 1778. He married three times. To Irene Rogers, then Rachel Nisonger, and finally Rachel Clark.

Robert McCormick born June 8, 1780 and married Mary Anna Hall. He moved to Rockbridge County, Virginia. In 1806, he invented a reaper, and it was improved upon by his son Cyrus McCormick. This is the famous *McCormick Reaper*.

ELIZABETH McCORMICK was born in 1740 in Hanover Township. She married Matthew Loudon in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1767. They remained in Carlisle where she died in 1767 and he in 1790. Their children were:

Mary Loudon born 1761 died 1822. She married James MacFarlane.

Archibald Loudon born March 18, 1762 and died in Carlisle March 22, 1832. He married Margaret Bines on October 24, 1788.

Catherine Loudon born about 1764 and died young.

Benjamin McCormick

He was born in Ulster in 1705. He married Ann Brown and remained in Ireland.

HUGH McCORMICK

Hugh McCormick was born about 1695 in the Province of Ulster, Ireland probably in Londonderry, Ulster, Northern Ireland. He immigrated with his family to Pennsylvania prior to 1735.

He lived and owned lands in Paxtang Township, Lancaster, now in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

He married Margaret Donough, and had the following children:

John McCormick

John was born about 1718 in Londonderry. He married Jean Cathay in Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married James Sharon. As they are in our line, they are covered in the next section.

James McCormick

James was born 1721, married and went to Virginia prior to the Revolution. I have no other specific information.

Samuel McCormick

Samuel was born in about 1723. He married, but I have clue as to whom. Samuel warranted lands in East Pennsboro on August 14, 1745. This land adjoined the lands of his brother John McCormick on Conedoguin Creek.

He died in East Pennsboro in July of 1765. His wife had died earlier and was not in his will or estate.

Samuel McCormick had the following children:

JAMES McCORMICK born in 1747.

ELIZABETH McCORMICK born in 1749 and married to William McNitt.

JANE McCORMICK born in 1751 and married to Archibald McGuire.

MARY McCORMICK born in 1754 and married to James Chambers.

SARAH McCORMICK born in 1756 and married to Arthur Chambers.

AGNES McCORMICK born in 1758 and married to Henry McElroy.

MARGARET McCORMICK born in 1761.

ANN McCORMICK born in 1763.

Hugh McCormick

Hugh was born 1725, and in about 1749, married Sarah Alcorn in Pennsylvania. Sarah was the daughter of James and Mary Alcorn. They first lived in Paxtang, Dauphin County, and then in 1758 moved to the new land of Sarah's parents on Conedoguinet Creek in East Pennsboro.

On October 30, 1758, James Alcorn deeded Hugh McCormick some 136 acres in Middleton Township, Cumberland County. They remained there until about 1770. They then purchased some 1300 acres in White Deer Valley in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania where they remained for the rest of their lives.

Hugh McCormick died there in September 1777. I do not know when Sarah died.

Hugh and Sarah had the following children:

JAMES McCORMICK born in 1750 in East Pennsboro. He married Isabella Dixon on March 15, 1774. She was a daughter of John and Arabella Dixon. He moved with his folks to White Deer Valley in Lycoming County. He served in the Revolution and afterwards went to Augusta County, Virginia where he entered a deed in 1782. I do not know when James died, but Isabella died on May 10, 1824. They had two children:

Hugh McCormick born February 14, 1777 and married Esther Kumbel.

Sarah McCormick born in 1779 and married Robert Sloan.

MARY McCORMICK born in 1752 and married Capt. Robert Peebles.

THOMAS McCORMICK born in 1754 and married to Elizabeth Crockett.

SETH McCORMICK born in 1756 in Paxtang Township. He married Margaret Simmons. They lived in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. He died there January 17, 1835. His wife is buried along side, but I do not have a date. Their children were:

Robert McCormick born 1765 died 1857 and married Nancy Forseman.

Samuel S. McCormick born 1787 died 1864. He married Elizabeth Piatt.

Thomas McCormick born 1790 died 1820 and married Maria Hammond.

Seth McCormick born 1793 and died December 1821. He married Hannah Hammond.

Hugh McCormick born 1795 died unmarried in 1830.

John McCormick born 1797 died 1850. He married Sarah Coryell.
Joseph McCormick born 1799 died 1877. He married Margaret Schooley.
Sarah McCormick born 1802 died 1870. She married Robert J. Forseman.
Cynthia McCormick born 1805 and married Samuel Eason.
Susan McCormick born 1807 and married Matthew B. Hammond.

SARAH McCORMICK born in 1758 and married a Woodrow.

ELEANOR McCORMICK born in 1760 and died unmarried.

HUGH McCORMICK born in 1762 and married Elizabeth Fullerton of Greencastle, Pennsylvania. He lived on his father's farm until about 1815 when he moved to Fauquier County, Virginia where he lived until he died. Children were:

Charles N. McCormick born 1787.

Hugh McCormick born 1789.

Mary E. McCormick born 1791 and married Charles Kemper.

Joseph McCormick born 1783. He married and moved to Linn County, Missouri.

Elvina McCormick born 1796 and died young.

Fullerton McCormick born 1798 and died young.

Martha McCormick born 1800 and died 1817.

JOHN McCORMICK born in Middletown Township, Cumberland County in 1765. He moved to Leesburg, Fauquier County, Virginia as a young man and married Mary Curtis there. He was a teacher and she ran a seminary, where I assume he taught. They had two daughters:

Emily McCormick

Helen McCormick born 1806 and married Roberdeau Annan and moved to St. Louis, Missouri.

AMELIA McCORMICK born in 1767 and married William Gabby.

JOHN McCORMICK

John McCormick was born about 1718, in or near Londonderry, Ireland and died in October, 1782, and was buried in the Silver Spring churchyard in East Pennsboro, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, of which church he was a member.

He located in East Pennsboro township as early as 1745; and upon the formation of the County of Cumberland in 1750 was named in the act as one of the trustees for the purchasing of land on which to build a court house and prison.

During the French and Indian war his dwelling was stockaded and the refuge of the frontier settlers and hence designated as '*McCormick's Fort at Conedoguinet.*'

He married Jean Cathay, daughter of John and Anna Cathay. John died in the spring of 1742/43 in Paxtang. Several of his sons later went to Rowan County, North Carolina and lived quite near my Jones family in that area.

In looking up old Sharon wills in Lancaster County, I came across John's will and have it in my files. Don't forget that what is now Cumberland County was part of Lancaster County until 1750.

Jean remained in Cumberland County with her family. She died there in January of 1788.

She wrote her will on January 18, 1788 and it was proved on February 13, 1788. The will was important as she lists all of her children by name and this was the generation that included Elizabeth who married James Sharron.

John and Jean McCormick had the following children:

John McCormick

John married and had children. He later went to Jefferson County, Ohio with William Sharon and lived in Jefferson County. He was an administrator of William's will there.

His children included:

THOMAS McCORMICK

HUDSON McCORMICK

Margaret McCormick

Margaret married Hugh Quigley and had these children:

ELIZABETH QUIGLEY

JOHN QUIGLEY

WILLIAM QUIGLEY,

SAMUEL QUIGLEY

ESTHER QUIGLEY

JANE QUIGLEY

SARAH QUIGLEY

Jane McCormick

Jane married David McClure and had these children:

SAMUEL McCLURE

JOHN McCLURE

THOMAS McCLURE

JAMES McCLURE

WILLIAM McCLURE

WILSON McCLURE

DAVID McCLURE

Elizabeth McCormick

Elizabeth married James Sharon. Their lives were told in the main body of this Sharon History. Elizabeth McCormick Sharon and her brother John McCormick went to Ohio with her son,

William. She is listed as one of the first *Pioneers of Jefferson County*.

They had the following children:

JAMES SHARON
ELIZABETH SHARON
SARAH SHARON
MARY SHARON
ISABELLA SHARON
WILLIAM SHARON

Ann McCormick

Ann McCormick married David Adams and they had:

WILLIAM ADAMS
ANN ADAMS