

FAMILY OF

***Wesley D. McCann***

Bourbon

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## FOREWORD

In this project, our plan had been to extend the descendants of "John Keand of Whithorn, Scotland", 1953 (available in many State and historical libraries) to embrace all progeny of his grandson, Wesley D. McCann of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and Adams County, Illinois.

We have met with partial success, and by 1958 had compiled two generations fully - and subsequent generations in part. Despite constant effort since then, we have failed to obtain much additional data regarding what may be many present - day descendants of Wesley D. McCann's children. In the text we have indicated where each of the trails have ended, usually at a point where further investigation would be a Herculean task to find a needle in a haystack.

Inasmuch as time is running out, we feel that what has been assembled should be issued, rather than chance the loss of our investigation. We are sure that others, sooner or later, will continue our work and will achieve the goal which we have been unable to attain.

To Franklin Adams McCann (4) and his good wife Mildred, Three Arch Bay, South Laguna, California, we acknowledge aid and assistance in supplying data otherwise unavailable to us.



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Family of  
Wesley D. McCann  
Bourbon County, Kentucky - Adams County, Illinois

WESLEY D. McCANN(2) - John(1), John(A) Keand of Whithorn, Scotland; b. July 20, 1809 in Paris, Kentucky; d. July 15, 1890 at Quincy, Illinois; i. Woodland Cemetery thereat; m. (1st) September 11, 1829 in Paris, Kentucky, Priscilla Jane Smith who was b. December 15, 1808 in Bourbon County, d. December 3, 1843 at Columbus, Illinois, i. Columbus Cemetery thereat, and whose paternal forebears in Bourbon County appear to be Alexander Smith, son of Alexander Smith, who was deceased prior to March 2, 1815 - see Bourbon County Deed Book "N", p. 362 - reasons for which are stated elsewhere herein; m. (2nd) February 13, 1845 in Adams County, Illinois, Susan M. Fayette (Faette) who was b. October 19, 1822 in New York, N. Y., d. October 2, 1908 at Quincy, Illinois, i. Woodlawn Cemetery thereat; her father was b. in France, and her mother in Rhode Island, according to the 1860 census. Wesley and his bride, in 1830 resided near Middleburg in Bourbon County, Kentucky, 8 miles north-easterly of Paris. In mid-1830's at age about 27, Wesley, followed later by his family, migrated from Kentucky to Adams County, Illinois; we incline to the view that, before bringing on his family and perhaps other kin, Wesley had explored alone the prospects of Western Illinois along the banks of the Mississippi; a newspaper obituary states, "Wesley D. McCann settled first in Adams County at Columbus, in the days when Columbus promised to be the leading city in Western Illinois. Becoming convinced that the belief in the great future of Columbus was a fallacy, he moved to Quincy in 1848. He died of general debilities at his home (which he built in 1854 and which is still standing, 1962, in a well-preserved district of Victorian mansions - W. R. M.) 1668 Maine Street in Quincy, 15 July (1890) five days short of his 81st birthday. He was born in Paris, Kentucky, July 20, 1809." Another newspaper obituary reads, "Wesley D. McCann, one of the old pioneers of Adams County, Illinois, died at Quincy, Illinois, July 15, 1890 in his 80th year. He was born at Paris, Kentucky July 20, 1809, lacking five days of having attained his 81st year. He was by occupation a cabinetmaker. When leaving Kentucky for the then 'far west', his worldly possessions consisted of the clothing on his person, a kit of tools, and \$12 in his pocket. By close attention to business and strict integrity, he rose from an obscure pioneer to prominence. It was a coincidence that his death occurred on the 83rd anniversary of the birth of his sister, Nancy McCann" (who survived him two years - W. R. M.). These obituaries are from letters dated 28 February 1953, and 12 April 1953 by William Mason Phillips (deceased), Lebanon, Ohio; the names and dates of the newspapers were not stated.

When Wesley McCann and family moved into Adams County, there was something like an exodus of settlers thereto from the Blue Grass Country. From History of Adams County, Illinois, Murray, Williamson, & Phelps, Chicago,

1879, we learn at p. 523, "The first settlement made in Columbus township was in 1830, when James Thomas left Kentucky and settled on section 30. He was followed by Jacob Connor, Clement Wilks, George Johnson, Matthew Ray, Phillip Ray, George Smith, William Roseberry, W. L. Wilmot, and Jas. Wisehart." And at pp. 398-401 we ascertain that, at organization meetings of the Old Settlers' Society in 1869-70, a listing of 46 old settlers contains the names of 14 from Kentucky. The census population of Adams County grew from practically nothing in 1820 to 2,186 in 1830, to 14,476 in 1840, to 26,508 in 1850, to 41,323 in 1860, and to 56,362 in 1870. Quincy in 1827 had only nine houses. (p. 586). Among the early settlers at Columbus, we find (pp. 524-525), "W.D. McCann established a cabinet shop and continued many years. Lytle Griffing was first in saddlery and harness business. Thomas Greenleaf and Sons manufactured wagons and buggies quite extensively. M. T. Greenleaf introduced the first machine lathe. A. Touzalin, Jr. was town clerk. Capt. A. Touzalin's store burned. A. Elliott's store was robbed and burned by an incendiary." All those named either were Kentucky kin or kin-to-be-acquired by Wesley McCann before 1850. The McMurrays of Clayton township were also kinsfolk, George McMurray being a first settler (p. 403). At p. 971, the last paragraph in the history, we discover Stephen Ruddel, variously spelled Ruddell(s), Ruddle(s), Riddle(s), had been among the founders and an early preacher (1831-1840) at the Christian Church in Ursa Township where he died in 1845; and at p. 808 we note a biography of his distinguished son, John M. Ruddel, who was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, September 28, 1812, came into Adams County November 20, 1829, and married 1832 Martha Dunlop born April 28, 1813 in Mercer County, Kentucky. Ruddel is a famous name in Bourbon County where the present village of Ruddels Mill approximates Captain Isaac Ruddel's settlement of 1779. Indian depredations very soon compelled Captain Ruddel and some fifty other settlers to refortify and enlarge a nearby abandoned fort on the Licking, originally built in 1775 by Captain John Hinkston and a company of fifteen settlers; but this fort, sharply attacked by Indians, was surrendered and abandoned in July 1776. The rebuilt structure was called Ruddels Fort; and, like its predecessor, met an even worse fate when on June 24, 1780 it was attacked by British-lead Indians, Tories, and Canadians, and plundered and destroyed after surrender. The garrison and inmates who were not butchered were made prisoners, including most of the Ruddel family. Some escaped, some were returned at end of the Revolution, and many died in captivity. Two of the Ruddel children, six-year-old Abraham and twelve-year-old Stephen, were adopted by their captors and thoroughly Indianized, becoming squaw-men. Captivity terminated in about fifteen years with the Treaty of Greenville in 1795. Stephen returned to civilization somewhat reluctantly in 1797 with his squaw, who later rejoined her people; Stephen married Susana David, studied for the ministry, was ordained in 1810, served widely as a missionary and envoy among Indians, and we think perhaps exhorted and inspired his Blue Grass countrymen in their exodus to Adams County on the Mississippi - a river and a territory that he knew and loved from Canada to the



Ohio. See the Destruction of Ruddle's and Martin's Forts, by Maude Ward Lafferty, Kentucky Historical Society, 1957, and a book review by George Fowler in The Filson Quarterly, Vol. 31, No. 2, April, 1957.

Wesley and Priscilla(Smith) McCann and Lytle and Eliza (McCann) Griffing of Millersburg, Kentucky, only four miles from Ruddels Mill, could not possibly have escaped contacts with the glamorous Indianized preacher, Stephen Ruddle; and, as boys, Wesley and Lytle undoubtedly would have looked to Stephen as one of the truly great. But enough of this dreaming; we return to Wesley in Columbus and Quincy. When the mighty battle was waged between these two villages, with the county seat of Adams at stake, Wesley was in the thick of the fray, serving in various capacities as Clerk of Election, Judge of Election, and a Justice of Peace for Adams County, 1839 to 1847. History of Adams County, Illinois, pp.284, 285, 289, 293, and 294. In 1854, Wesley was assessor and census-taker of 10,325 inhabitants in Quincy, where he was well-known in the furniture business for many years. In 1880 he and son were operating in real estate (U.S. Census). He is listed in an 1879 directory as being a farmer in Ursa Township, section 32, P. O. Marceline, Illinois. He was prominent, and at one time Master, in old Masonic Lodge No. 6 at Columbus, later demitted to go into Bodley Lodge No. 1 at Quincy, and was connected with the Grand Lodge of Illinois as deputy Grand Secretary, 1840-1841. (Letter dated February 28, 1957 from Mr. Ralph Hussong of Camp Point, Illinois, who was acquainted with son Franklin Morris McCann; and he was a "master cabinetmaker" who trained his sons to that trade and art, his son James being recently eulogized, "The many cabinet-makers in the family now makes understandable to me my Uncle James' skill. He was a maker of finely carved furniture during the time I knew him." (Letter dated February 9, 1954 from Franklin Adams McCann, South Laguna Beach, California. Of the many records and notes that we have observed of Wesley D. McCann, nowhere have we seen his middle name, except once when Wm. Mason Phillips commented on "Daniel Wesley McCann"; but he was unable later to confirm the source. Information is desired.

No direct proof has been found for ascribing the parentage of Priscilla Jane Smith to Alexander, son of Alexander Smith; however, four documents supply convincing circumstantial evidence to that fact. 1st, the bondsman on marriage permit of Priscilla and Wesley of date September 11, 1829 (Bourbon County, Marriage Book 2, p.183) is Alexander Smith; and in Bourbon County the bondsman is most frequently the parent, if living. 2nd, the third son of Priscilla and Wesley was named, according to grave marker, Alexander S., who d. at Columbus, Illinois, January 14, 1842, age one year. 3rd, in Bourbon Mortgage Book "I", p.393, under date of June 2, 1842, it is recorded that Wesley D. McCann mortgaged a one-fifth interest of a 143-acre parcel to James A. Smith, which land it is stated has descended to heirs of Alexander Smith. 4th, in Bourbon Deed Book "N", p.362, under date of March 2, 1815, an Alexander Smith, a

son of Alexander Smith (deceased), acting as administrator or legal representative, conveys property to other children named Nancy (m. David Wilson), Jane (m. James Wilson), Betsy (m. Samuel Elliott), Polly (m. James Boardman), Anne (unmarried), Patsy (m. ----- Ratcliffe, probably deceased), and Archimedes. No wife of the deceased Alexander Smith is mentioned - she probably predeceased her husband; nor is any of his daughters named Priscilla Jane whose age was six in 1815.

Argument. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd facts above indicate that an Alexander Smith might be or is the father of Priscilla Jane. Fact 4th proves existences of both an Alexander Sr. and an Alexander Jr; and it is indicated that Alexander Sr. had no living child named Priscilla Jane and that his wife was deceased. Taking into consideration all facts, we deduce 1st that Alexander Smith Jr. signed the marriage bond as father of Priscilla Jane Smith, 2nd that Alexander S. McCann's Christian name was that of both grandfather and great-grandfather, 3rd that the 143 acres was derived from Alexander Smith Sr., and 4th that Alexander Sr. was somewhat elderly at death (eight living children, wife deceased), and that Alexander Jr. was probably the elder of two boys, and perhaps the oldest child. Supporting these conclusions is an additional fact that there is only one Alexander Smith listed in the 1790 "Census" of Kentucky; none is listed in the 1800 "Census".

Children of Wesley D. and Priscilla Jane (Smith) McCann

Thomas J. McCann(3), b. about 1830 (age 20, 1850 Census) in Paris, Kentucky.

Margaret McCann(3), b. about 1833 (age 17, 1850 Census) in Paris, Kentucky.

John Jay McCann(3), b. about 1834 (age 16, 1850 Census) in Paris, Kentucky.

Lorinda E. McCann(3), d. September 24, 1838 - aged one year, 3 months, 27 days; i. Columbus Cemetery.

Martha A. McCann(3), d. July 22, 1841 - aged 10 months, 27 days; i. Columbus Cemetery.

Alexander S. McCann(3), d. January 14, 1842 - aged one year, 5 months, 26 days; i. Columbus Cemetery.

Martha and Alexander must have been twins; but stated numerals on their grave-stones do not quite check for twinship.

Children of Wesley D. and Susan M. (Fayette) McCann

Wallace F. McCann(3), b. December 28, 1845 in Columbus, Illinois.

Franklin Morris McCann(3), b. February 15, 1848 in Columbus, Illinois.

Charles Penn McCann(3), b. early 1850 (age 5/12 months - 1850 Census).

Mary E. McCann(3), b. January 8, 1853 in Quincy, Illinois.

James W. McCann(3), b. February 27, 1856 in Quincy, Illinois.

Susan McCann(3), b. December 23, 1858; d. April 14, 1862 at Quincy, Illinois.

Oliver McCann(3), b. 1862, from U.S. censuses; 1870 - age 8; 1880 - age 17.

Susie McCann(3), b. August 24, 1865; d. August 24, 1883 at Quincy, Illinois.

### THIRD GENERATION

THOMAS J. McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. about June 1830 near Millersburg in Bourbon County, Kentucky; m. June 26, 1856 in Adams County, Illinois (probably at Quincy) to Amanda J. Kenney who was b. 1836-1837 in Illinois, (probably in Adams County) and whose parents were Joseph, a brick-layer, b. 1806-7 in Connecticut, d. between 1850 and 1860, m. Jerusha Kenney who was b. March 10, 1812 in New York, d. March 15, 1879 at Camp Point, Illinois, i. Evergreen Cemetery at Camp Point. Other children of Joseph and Jerusha Kenney were Alonzo (b. 1837), Mary Ellen (b. 1840) m. December 24, 1858 Moses P. Stewart, Linus Henry (b. 1845) m. June 20, 1866 Eliza E. Kirkpatrick, Leroy J. (b. 1848) m. November 2, 1871 Mary D. Baird, and Edward (b. 1852) - all born in Illinois, and most of them in Quincy; stated marriages were in Adams County. Wesley D. McCann, in several letters written in 1848-1855, speaks highly of son Thomas's morals, industry, and skill as a cabinet-maker. Exactly when Thomas gave-up the trade of cabinet-making for farming we do not presently know; probably he seasonally followed all three trades. In Adams County history and directory of 1879, we find Thomas J. listed as a farmer, section 27, P. O. Camp Point. The U.S. Census records him in 1870 as cabinet-maker, and in 1880 as architect in Camp Point. From recorded deeds at Adams County Court House, we ascertain that Thomas transferred property last on March 12, 1881 (Book 108, p. 610); elsewhere the property is described as the west 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 27, Camp Point Township. We find no burials of Thomas, Amanda, or other McCanns and Kenneys at Evergreen Cemetery in Camp Point, nor in either cemetery at Clayton; but the lot in Evergreen whereat Jerusha Kenney is interred, is recorded in name of Thos. McCann. No wills of Thomas and Amanda are recorded in Adams County. The last record that we found of Thomas is the above-stated transfer of land, March 12, 1881; so we leave Thomas and his family by quoting the 1880 U.S. Census of Adams County, Illinois - Vol. 1, Reel 174, p. 35D, Camp Point:

McCann, Thomas J.	W-M-49	Architect	b. Ky.	Ky.	Ky.
McCann, Amanda	W-F-43	Wife-Housekeeper	b. Ill.	Ct.	N. Y.
McCann, Walter S.	W-M-23	Son-Drug Clerk	b. Ill.	Ky.	Ill.
McCann, Sallie E.	W-F-15	Daughter	b. Ill.	Ky.	Ill.
McCann, Margaret	W-F-5	Daughter	b. Ill.	Ky.	Ill.

Last two columns are respectively the nativities of father and mother.

MARGARET JANE McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. 1833 in Bourbon County, Kentucky in the Paris-Millersburg area; m. June 9, 1852 in Columbus, Adams County, Illinois to Theodore Touzalin who died of influenza October 7, 1854 at Columbus. His parent, we believe was Anthony Touzalin, Sr., a Columbus merchant who suffered two losses of stock by fire. Wesley D. McCann, in letter

dated January 16, 1855 at Quincy to his brother and family in Paris, Kentucky, wrote "Margaret is a widow with one child and prospects for two. She lives as yet to herself and probable will do so." From Wesley's various letters, we judge that Margaret was his favorite. We have been quite unable to ascertain what happened thereafter to Margaret and the two children; we have found no records nor burials in Adams County - or in the censuses.

JOHN JAY McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. about 1834 (1850 U.S. Census gives his age as 16); d. September 10, 1857 at Quincy, Illinois; i. Columbus, Illinois Cemetery. In letters written by his father to the homefolk at Paris, Kentucky, 1848-1855, John is characterized as "John is small, but hearty" - January 7, 1848. "John is beginning to think himself, a nice young man, considerable of a gallant" - March 14, 1854. "John is studying Medicine as he has no Mechanical genius. I thought it best to make a professional of him". January 16, 1855, twenty months before John's demise, age 23. We have found no marriage record of John; presumably he was unmarried.

WALLACE F. McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. December 28, 1845 in Columbus, Illinois; d. October 11, 1883 at Quincy, Illinois; i. Woodland Cemetery thereat. As for marital status, it is quite probable that Wallace never married; no marriage record has been found; and he is buried on his parents family lot. The U.S. Census for 1880 lists him as living with his father, both being in real-estate business. Only once in father Wesley's letters (1848-1855) is mention made of Wallace; under date of January 7, 1848, Wesley writes, "Out little whitehead Wallace is a smart promising child. He was two years 28 Decr last, is talking, very fat & a smart fine-looking child." Franklin Adams McCann of South Leguna, California, writes (1954) in recollection of boyhood family conversations, "Wallace was mentioned frequently and always as my uncle. He was a painter of ability, some of his work was in my Aunt Mary's possession until she died in 1937."

FRANKLIN MORRIS McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(a); b. February 15, 1848 in Columbus, Illinois; d. September 14, 1931 at Quincy, Illinois; i. Woodland Cemetery thereat; m. December 7, 1893 in Topeka, Kansas, Luella Maude Adams who was b. May 1, 1867 in Pontiac, Illinois, d. August 3, 1938 at Chicago, Illinois, i. Woodland Cemetery, Quincy, Illinois, and whose parents were Robert and Helen (Ornsby) Adams, both natives of Illinois.

Franklin Morris McCann was a distinguished lawyer who loved his profession as he did the good wife that came from a line of cultured forebears. Before completing this prosaic vital record, we digress to sketch the Adams Lineage of Luella Maud Adams. A short biography and characterization of Franklin Morris McCann continues on page 10, second paragraph.

## A DIGRESSION

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### Adams Lineage of Luella Maude Adams

The below is extracted and rearranged from "Family Records of the Adams, Mills, and Humason Families", privately printed and distributed in 1921 by the author, Franklin Burwell Mills, 2246 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. This book's earliest reference to the Adamses is on p. 13, to wit, "The ten children of Robert Adams (b. 1769 either in Pennsylvania or North Carolina, Pennsylvania probable; d. 1817 near Paint Creek in vicinity of Chillicothe, Ohio - p. 11) and Patience Hull (b. on Christmas morning, 1776, within sound of the cannon during the Battle of Trenton, New Jersey, her father and grandfather both serving in the Continental Army" - (p. 7) are:

1. Mary Baird (1797-1866) m. James Earl (p. 15).
2. Eliza (b. 1799) m. John Kilborn and went to Wisconsin (p. 27).
3. Isaac Harvey (1801-1882) m. Melinda Stinsen (p. 27).
4. Vaughn Josiah (1804-1871) m. Mary A. Richey (p. 37).
5. Elija (1806-1850) m. Lydia Louisa Hunt - q. v.
6. Robert James (b. 1808) was a bachelor school teacher, d. young (p. 43).
7. Maria Lucinda (1810-1880) m. John Richey (p. 51).
8. Margaret Heath (1812, lived to age 102) m. Joseph A. Mills (pp. 57, 107).
9. An unnamed son who died very young.
10. Patience Ann (1817-1892) m. John Sherfey (p. 57).

Except Mary, who was b. at Bardstown, Kentucky, all children were born near Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. "Patience Hull Adams d. April 22, 1852 at the Reed Farm, near the Cross Roads in Clinton County, Ohio, and was buried at Spurgeon graveyard, near where Reeseville now stands. Her grave has a monument." (p. 11). Her spouse, Robert Adams "had seven brothers and sisters as follows: Alexander, John, James (a Presbyterian minister); Mary, who m. Judge Baird in Ohio; Margaret, who m. a Mr. Heath in Kentucky; Nancy, who m. a Mr. Pinkerton in Ohio; and Eleanor, who m. a Mr. Smith." (p. 11). On the back of p. 11 there is a penned notation which is similar to the handwriting of Nettie Adams Davidson (p. 49), reading, "Two more children should be added to the list given on opposite page, namely Lydia who m. Reuben McNamee, and a daughter who m. a Mr. Linn".

This array of ten brothers and sisters, presumably all born in this country, reflects the probability of a native parentage of which the book itself makes no statement that we can find. A clue, however, exists in the above-mentioned note of Nettie Adams Davidson, who also writes, "The records at Uniontown, Pennsylvania show that Robert and Elizabeth Adams settled in



Fayette Co., Pa. as early as 1771. Robert was a justice of peace and one of the first elders in 'Old Redstone' Presbytery. He lived on a plantation called 'Paradise' and died in 1806. He served in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment during the Revolutionary War."

Like today's radios and TVs, incessantly blaring channel-identification and sponsorship-humbuggery, we pause and digress to identify the particular book of "Family Records", supra, that lays on our desk. This little 4-1/2"-by-6-1/2" "Black Book", which was given in 1928 at Christmas by Nettie Adams Davidson to her sister Luella Adams McCann (deceased 1938), was passed on to son Franklin Adams (deceased 1960), and is now (1962) possessed by the latter's wife, Mildred Schubert McCann.

The author of the book, Franklin Burwell Mills, a first cousin of the father of Nettie and Luella, deserves great credit for painstakingly gathering an estimated 1600 names with places and dates of the vital facts; and he meticulously arranged these names on one-half of 136 pages (the other half is left blank for notations), in 29 lineages covered in only 34 paragraphs, the longest of which is a mere six pages of printing. And there is no index. Finding a needle in a haystack would be a simple task compared to locating a name in the little "Black Book". The reason for our frequent page-references is obviously excusable.

Dr. ELIJAH ADAMS, 5th child of Robert and Patience (Hull) Adams, b. 1806 near Chillicothe, Ohio, d. August 17, 1850 at Lockport (not on maps), Ohio, m. August 17, in Springfield, Ohio to Lydia Louisa Hunt who was b. thereat February 8, 1814 and d. at Lockport Aug. 22, 1850. Husband and wife both succumbed to cholera within five days of one another in the terrible epidemic that raged throughout the country, (p. 45).

Children of Robert and Lydia Hunt Adams (p. 47)

1. John Hunt (1833-1914) m. 1st. Anna E. Lanterman; 2nd. Myrtila Adair; 3rd. Agnes M. Rhodes.
2. ROBERT JAMES (1834-1875) m. Helen Lucretia Ormsby - q.v.
3. Elijah, Jr., b. 1836 and died, apparently unmarried.
4. Sarah Maria (1838-1916) m. Lemual K. Westcott who had served in Civil War.
5. Mary Caroline, b. 1840, m. Levi Hull of Wayneville, Ill, wounded in Civil War.
6. Richard W., b. 1843 was soldier in Civil War, d. in Florida, unmarried.
7. Emily Louisa, b. 1845, d. in infancy.
8. Margaret Anna, b. 1847, m. Thomas Hull; children, if any, not mentioned.

ROBERT JAMES ADAMS, 2nd. son of Dr. Elijah and Lydia Hunt Adams, b. September 22, 1834 in Springfield, Ohio; d. February 15, 1875 at Pontiac, Illinois; m. February 14, 1856 at Waynesville, DeWitt County, Illinois to Helen Lucretia Ormsby, who was b. August 24, 1836 in Springfield, Illinois, and d. April 17, 1882 at Pontiac, Illinois, (p. 47). Robert served in the Union

Army during the Civil War. Carefully preserved with the little "Black Book", supra, is a century-old letter, dated Aug. 16, 1863, signed "Robt" at Camp Davies, Mississippi, written to "My Dear Helen," sent in an envelope addressed "Mrs. R. J. Adams, Atlanta, Logan Co., Illinois". At this writing, Robert was lonesome and discouraged in hot August weather of the Far South. The early months of 1863 had marked the lowest ebb of the fortunes of the Union cause. "Fighting Joe" Hooker had been defeated by Lee and Jackson about Chancellorsville in Virginia. Union soldiers were deserting at a rate of thousands a week. Draft riots occurred in July in New York City. Cost of the war was enormous, increasing at a rate of \$2,500,000 a day. Governor Morton of Indiana telegraphed Secretary Stanton that the legislatures of Indiana and Illinois intended to pass a joint resolution acknowledging the Southern Confederacy. Joseph Medill was writing in Chicago, "Everybody feels that the war is drawing to a disastrous and disgraceful termination". No wonder Robert was down in the dumps, but probably more so because he failed to receive a letter from his good wife who would tell him how the two children were faring; and also he was "broke" because the paymaster had not received funds that were on a Mississippi River steamboat that had burned and sunk. But this was the darkest hour just before the dawn.

Children of Robert James and Helen Ormsby Adams (pp. 47 & 49)

1. Amelia Louisa, b. August 21, 1857 at Sterling, Illinois; d. after 1893; m. Jan. 1887 to Walter M. Organ. Five children - Walter Adams Organ b. December 5, 1887 in Emporia, Kansas, m. \_\_\_\_\_; Seymour Organ b. in Kansas City December 10, 1889, m. \_\_\_\_\_; Robert Organ b. in Kansas City, died at eleven months age; Lucile Marguerite Organ b. May 22, 1893 in Kansas City, m. April 1919 to Murray Smith, and had one daughter; Gladys Helen Organ b. July 9, 1896 in Kansas City, d. August, 1919, m. April, 1917 Blaine Walker.
2. Carrie Low, b. February 6, 1860 in Atlanta, Logan County, Illinois; d. April 23, 1900 at Minneapolis; m. October 17, 1883 to Seymour Carter. Two children - Robert E. Carter d. in infancy; and Helen Emily Carter, b. August 28, 1887 in Quincy, Illinois and m. Ralph G. Johnson.
3. Nettie May, b. October 20, 1864 in Atlanta, Illinois; m. July 11, 1888 in Quincy, Illinois to William Mehard Davidson who was b. May 8, 1863 in Jamestown, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. One child, Helen Mehard Davidson, b. September 14, 1890 in Topeka, Kansas.
4. LUELLA MAUDE, m. Franklin Morris McCann - q. v.
5. Nellie, died at 2-1/2 years of age.

Summarizing, the Adams lineage of John Keand LaBahn, b. February 28, 1962 in Pasadena, California is:

1. Lois Adams McCann, b. August 17, 1931 and m. Edward August LaBahn.
2. Franklin Adams McCann, 1900-1960, m. Mildred Helen Schubert.
3. Luella Maude Adams, 1867-1938, m. Franklin Morris McCann.
4. Robert James Adams, 1834-1875, m. Helen Lucretia Ormsby.

5. Dr. Elijah Adams, 1806-1850, m. Lydia Louisa Hunt.
6. Robert Adams, 1769-1817, m. Patience Hull.
7. Robert Adams m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, "were in Fayette County, Pennsylvania as early as 1771, and he served in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment during the Revolutionary War."

This last entry must be classified between possible and probable, the writers leaning to the latter. There is no proof however, other than that the dates fit, that the Christian name "Robert" occurs repeatedly among several branches of descendants, and that the source of the information, Nettie Adams Davidson, who was in position to know, intended to convey facts and to infer the stated relationship.

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"Franklin M. McCann acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Quincy, followed by a more specific literary course in Illinois College at Jacksonville, where he graduated with high honors. With broad general learning to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, he studied law assiduously, and applied himself to the mastery of its fundamentals. When twenty-four years of age he successfully passed required examinations and was admitted to the bar. He then entered the practice of his chosen profession, to which he has given undivided attention for a half century. The law is a jealous mistress that tolerates no half-hearted loyalty; and Mr. McCann, throughout the years with the Quincy bar, has devoted his energies unremittingly to the building of good patronage. His allegiance to his clients' interests is proverbial; his cases are prepared with great thoroughness and precision; his presentations before court and jury have shown clearness of thought, logical arrangement, and masterful understanding of the points at issue and of the law applicable thereto.

Seldom has he failed to win the verdict desired." (Past and Present of the City of Quincy, Illinois, Hon. William H. Collins and Cicero F. Perry, 1905). In the Quincy Herald-Whig of September 15, 1931 it is stated

"Franklin M. McCann was Nestor of the Bar of Adams County. He never sought public office. For one year he was president of the Adams County Bar Association, and for many years he was its Vice-president." An obituary clipped from a Quincy newspaper (name and date unknown) recites, "He was the oldest member of the Adams County Bar Association, whose members attended the funeral en masse, and also planned a memorial for him." The clipping continues, "One feature of his long career, while he had a large practice, he had fewer cases before the court than any member of the bar. In any lawsuit, he invariably counselled a settlement, provided it was fair to all parties concerned."

Children of Franklin M. and Luella (Adams) McCann

Majorie McCann(4), b. about 1895; d. in about 8 months; i. Woodland Cemetery.  
 Edith Adams McCann(4), b. November 1, 1898 in Quincy, Illinois.  
 Franklin Adams McCann(4), b. November 27, 1900 in Quincy, Illinois.



CHARLES PENN McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. 1850 in Quincy, Illinois; as to marriage, death and interment, we have found no record of these events; he disappeared at age about 25. In the last of the letters which have been preserved, Wesley D. McCann to his folks in Paris, Kentucky, dated January 16, 1855, we find, "Our Charles Penn has had a severe spell of typhoid fever, but is getting well." There is no mention of Charles in Wesley's earlier letters. Turning to the U.S. censuses of Adams County, Illinois, we find Charles Penn McCann listed in the family of Wesley D. McCann, Quincy, as age 5/12 in 1850 and born in Illinois, age 10 in 1860, age 20, in 1870, and no mention in 1880; nor is there any mention of Charles Penn in the 1879 "History of Adams County". So we add his name to our growing Where-Art-Ye - list.

MARY E. McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. January 8, 1853 in Quincy, Illinois; d. October 3, 1938 at Quincy; i. Woodland Cemetery thereat; unmarried. The dates are from gravestones. Mary, with brother James, lived at Long Beach, California, 1921 to 1935.

JAMES W. McCANN(3) - Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. February 27, 1856 in Quincy, Illinois; d. February 6, 1935 at 750 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, California, having lived in that locality for 14 years; i. Woodland Cemetery at Quincy; unmarried. James possessed great skill as "a maker of finely carved furniture."

Of Wesley's and Susan's last three children, two died in their youth, and one is genealogically a lost soul. Susan McCann(3) was b. December 23, 1858 in Quincy, and died in her third year on April 14, 1862 - interred Woodland Cemetery. The eighth and last child arrived August 24, 1865 in Quincy, and was named Susie McCann(3), who died on her eighteenth birthday, August 24, 1883 - interred at Woodland Cemetery. Regarding the seventh child, Oliver born in 1862, we have learned very little. He is said "to have married and had one daughter named Helen who was born about 1900" and who "about 1935 was in Phoenix, Arizona."

#### FOURTH & FIFTH GENERATIONS

EDITH ADAMS McCANN(4) - Franklin(3), Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. November 1, 1898 in Quincy, Illinois; unmarried (1962). Of Edith Adams McCann, the authors of this brochure were long unacquainted with the charming lady who for years was almost a neighbor on Chicagoland's lakeshore, a mile north of the city's busy loop. Our introduction to her in 1953 was via the superintendent at Woodland Cemetery in Quincy, who conveyed the pleasing information that each year this Chicago lady visited her birthplace to place flowers on the graves of her parents. But we have seen little of cousin Edith whose life has been dedicated to her artistry - interior decoration, which she

eats, drinks, sleeps, and dreams. Her accomplishments have been many. Single-handedly and unassisted, she has won her way in life, and richly deserves a bright spot in this memorial.

FRANKLIN ADAMS McCANN(4) - Franklin(3), Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. November 27, 1900 in Quincy, Illinois; d. June 28, 1960 at South Laguna, Orange County, California; i. Pacific View Memorial Park in Corona del Mar, California; m. September 25, 1927 in Los Angeles, California to Mildred Helen Schubert who was b. September 25, 1902 in Brooklyn, New York, and whose parents were Henry Frederick and Emma Jahns Schubert of Brooklyn, New York. Franklin A. McCann, upon completing primary and secondary schooling in Quincy, enrolled at the University of Illinois and graduated there as a Chemical Engineer in the Class of 1922, following which he was employed in the ceramic-manufacturing industry in which he was actively engaged throughout his life. His first work was in the laboratories and in research; and he married in 1927 at Los Angeles. He advanced to be superintendent and plant manager with only one interruption during World War II, when he participated in the building of a governmental magnesium plant in the desert of Nevada between Las Vegas and Boulder City. After the war Franklin embarked in a ceramic business for himself. With the aid of his good wife, a heavenly spot was selected in 1945 near the coast in the booming Los Angeles area. This spot has been a background for his artistry in the production of the beautiful colorings of his distinctive wares. In fifteen years he, with the wife and one assistant, dynamically developed a ceramic-manufacturing and supply business that appealed to the trade and grew to gross better than 100,000 simoleans annually. Franklin, a hard worker who never spared himself, drove mercilessly to perfect his lifetime objective, never satisfied with his accomplishments from year to year. He pursued an ideal to an untimely death, beloved by family and by intimates whom he had cherished and befriended.

Child of Franklin Adams and Mildred Schubert McCann

Lois Adams McCann(5), b. August 17, 1931 in Los Angeles, California.

LOIS ADAMS McCANN(5) - Franklin A. (4), Franklin M. (3), Wesley(2), John(1), John(A); b. August 17, 1931 in Los Angeles, California; m. November 28, 1953 in South Laguna, California to Edward August LaBahn who was b. August 2, 1925 in Arlington Heights, Cook County, Illinois and whose parents are Rudolph Luis LaBahn of Chicago, Illinois and Marie Martha Mastnack of Austria.

Children of Edward A. and Lois McCann LaBahn

Peter Adams LaBahn(6), b. November 20, 1955 in Orange, California.

Carol Marie LaBahn(6), b. January 10, 1957 in Orange, California.

John Keand LaBahn(6), b. February 28, 1962 in Pasadena, California.

In ending our project it is fitting to call to attention that the last-named arrival in this family has been named after his great-great-great-great grandfather who was the last in this line of Keands in Scotland. In America the name was changed to McCann.

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