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Dear Reverend Peeples,

You flatter me by calling me "the family genealogist for the McBride family!" for at present I am only concentrating on McBRIDE/McBRYDE/MacBRIDE's who were born by 1850 and who lived some part of their lives in one of the southern states or states bordering on the South. I would say that my project leaves out many McBRIDEs but it is a start. In one way, it is unique, in that I collect on all persons by that name instead of the usual practice of showing one line of a given family.

Your contribution to my project is greatly appreciated. It seems that once in a month of Sundays, a correspondent will send in material which makes a positive contribution to linking up some of the McBRIDE lines. Your recent letter was in the same category and enabled me to merge some of my data with the larger whole. I would suppose that the biggest hindrance to receiving such data is the lack of advertising medium. The Genealogical Helper goes a long way towards meeting this requirement, but countless thousands of probably interested people don't even know that this publication exists...or if they did, don't find that it helps them. I want to thank you now for your interest and for your significant information in this effort.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

I knew of BURWELL McBRIDE and suspected that he originally came from Darlington District, S.C. Your information confirms it along with the full name of his wife and birthdate. I did not know the names or birthdates of any of his children nor marriage information and death dates and locations. Such vital statistics in South Carolina are hard to come by, except for what estate administrations and land transactions can give you. I am surprised that I don't have BURWELL's Will, as I copied down every McBRIDE Will that I found at the S.C. State Archives in Columbia, SC. In that respect, I did find out more about BURWELL's parents and their children, as follows:

Will of ARCHIBALD McBRIDE, dated 22 Nov 1802; probated 12 Mar 1805- filed in Darlington Co., SC Courthouse. Names wife, SALLY, as executrix. Names daughters- SALLY SPEIGHT, ELIZABETH MORGAN, SUSANNA McBRIDE; and sons- BURRELL McBRIDE and LEVI McBRIDE. (Will Bk 2, pp 25)

Will of SARAH(SALLY) McBRIDE, dated 2 Dec 1805; probated 23 Dec 1805, also in Darlington Co., SC. Names executors- Thomas Frank, Edward Rogers, Stephen Williams. Names daughters- SUSANNAH McBRIDE, SARAH SPIGHTS, & ELIZABETH MORGAN. Names sons- BURRELL McBRIDE & LEVI McBRIDE. (Will Bk 2, pp 28)

South Carolina Baptists(1670-1805) by Leah Townsend, 1935, Florence Printing Co., Florence, S.C. refers to an ARCHIBALD McBRIDE who is a messenger to the Ebenezer Jeffrey's "Creek Church" in the Pee Dee Section from 1785-1791. This is probably the same ARCHIBALD McBRIDE who is the recipient of several State Grants in Cheraw District, SC from 1786 to 1790. The Darlington Co. Deeds show land transactions by the same ARCHIBALD McBRIDE and tie him with his sons, BURWELL & LEVI. One deed of 3 Nov 1794 has ARCHIBALD selling land to JOSHUA SPEIGHT, so I would presume that this SPEIGHT may be ~~either~~ the husband of ARCHIBALD's daughter, SARAH- a clue to further research which I won't have time to follow up.

At the S.C. State Archives in Columbia is a book called Miscellaneous Records (1729-1825). Book 000, pp. 244 shows an entry of 24 Feb 1800 which states that ARCHIBALD McBRIDE is commissioner and ordinary for Darlington District. I think this is a book from the old Charleston, S.C. records.

The 1800 Federal Census shows that ARCHIBALD was born before 1755.

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As for ARCHIBALD's brother, ALEXANDER (Is this relationship from family records and could you give me the specifics?): I have several ALEXANDERS but insufficient information on any one of them to identify with yours. For example:

I am aware that an ALEXANDER McBRIDE was given a royal grant of 300 acres in Granville Co., SC on 2 Jul 1767. I think that Granville covered the tip of South Carolina then. I have other ALEXANDERS in Charleston, St. John's Parish (Berkeley Co.) & Christ Church Parish around this time period. Do you have more definitive information (land records with other names, estate transactions, court procedures, et al) to pin down your ALEXANDER? It would certainly help, even negative evidence, to clarify which ALEXANDER was which. I even have some in Ireland and Scotland for the period but don't even know they immigrated to America.

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Unfortunately, I have no information on any PEEPLS surname, so yours is a first for me. I do have a MILES surname but not until about 1820 in Georgia.

That's about all I have at this writing to help you. I did spend a day or two in Charleston pouring over the old records, but wonder if any exist in the Courthouse in Beaufort city. I believe the old Beaufort District seat was at Coosawhatchie, but don't know if all the old records were kept there or in Charleston, as is said they are. I do know that the State Archives people and the Charleston people fight like crazy over the custody of the old records. We have a more sensible situation here, and I can say unqualifyingly that the N.C. State Archives are the best in the South.

I would certainly welcome any additional material you turn up on any McBRIDE/McBRYDE/MacBRIDE. My line came from Abbeville District at the time of the Revolution, yet my South Carolina McBRIDE records are woefully scarce.

Very Sincerely,

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McBrides find
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Beaufort Dist*

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Mulatto overseer*