

Oak Ridge Tn.
Sept. 9, 1983

Dear Sir:

I regret that I am unable to furnish you more helpful information but I don't believe that my McKenzie line is traceable to yours. My problem with genealogical research of my McKenzie line is that there are so many different lines, and the movements so varied and frequent, and the records so poor in the 18th and 19th centuries that it is most difficult to verify recorded information. Riceville and Athens are near where I was born and raised and I knew some McKenzies there but ^{we} were not able to establish any family relationship. There are numerous lines of McKenzies in TN, Ga, Ala, Ky, N.C. S.C. Va, Ill, Mo. etc and most of them were there from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. I will furnish the info I have and hope it will help you. My great grand father ^{is} buried in Shiloh Baptist Cemetery on Agency Creek in Meigs Co Tn.
Benjamin Franklin McKenzie B-1768 D-1854
In Census 1850 lists as B. in Va but I haven't been able to find it recorded. He married Frances Daniels ~~M. H. H.~~ (date unknown) B-1778 (place unknown) D 1844 buried Shiloh Cemetery. I have no verified information prior to this family. My great great grand father, according to family tradition was James McKenzie (over)

(Name of wife unknown) and had 3 children
2-male/ female white living in Cheraw Dist.
of S.C. The parents died at a relatively
young age and no verifiable info.
except on Benjamin and his descendents.

Benjamin and family lived in Greenville
district S.C. according to 1800 census also 1810.
moved to Cherokee territory of northern
Ga. before 1818. believed to have lived
in what is now Gasper Co. and what
is now Forsythe Co. prior to moving to
land obtained from the Cherokee in what is
now Meigs Co In (Rhea Co. In. Formerly) in
1820. They ~~are~~ were the original settlers
of land on agency creek a short distance
from where it emptied into the north
side of the Hiwassee river a few miles
East of its confluence with the In river.
the large island where Sam Houston is
reported to have lived with Cherokee chief
Jolly is at this point. (Some of Ben's
descendents still live on some of the land
owned by him. He bought and sold
numerous quantities of land. There are
numerous records of land transactions
by him on file in the Meigs County
Courthouse at Athens In.) Benjamin had
the following children.

- 1. Benjamin Franklin B-1804 D-1864 Buried in
Meigs Co
Cemetery
Meigs Co
Ga
- 2. Julia Ann B- — D- — Married James H.
Vernon
- 3. Rachel B-1810 D-1867 never married
- 4. Nancy B-1813 D-1859 M. Ethel Grubb
S.C.

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5. George Washington - B-1818 (my grandfather) D. 1907 Cherokee Territory Now Forsyth Co. Ga. (records destroyed 1832 - C. 7th Fire)

married Susan Keenum - Captain Company B of Col. McClellans Fifth In. Volunteers in the Mexican war 1847. Colonel in command of 5th In Cavalry Confederate States army. paroled at Charlotte North Carolina May 3, 1865. They had 12 children

- 1. Andrew Jackson - B-1844 -
- 2. Alfred Benyman - B-1846 - all born in Meigs Co. In.
- 3. Elizabeth Francis - B-1849
- 4. Julia Ann - B-1851
- 5. Benjamin Franklin - B-1854
- 6. Mary Tennessee - B-1856
- 7. Reuben Nicholson - B-1858
- 8. George Calhoun - B-1861
- 9. James Atkins - B-1865
- 10. Robert Lee - B-1867
- 11. Joseph Johnson - B-1870
- 12. William Washington - B-1872

my Father met married Susan and they had 8 children as shown below

- 1. Minnie Davis - B-1899
- 2. Lee Marler - B-1900 - all deceased
- 3. Susan Agnes - B-1902 - except numbers 6 and 7.
- 4. Clarence Eugene - B-1904
- 5. James Felix - B-1907
- 6. Ralph Lenus - B-1911 - all born Meigs Co. In.
- 7. Thomas Allen - B-1914
- 8. George Wayne - B-1920

Relative to military service in the Revolutionary war John McKenzie born Sept. 7, 1757 Albemarle Co. Va. was a Rev. war vet in S.C.

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Then moved to what is now Carroll Co. In
where he died Nov. 5, 1842 and is buried
near the town of McKenzie In. (named
after his son) He married Martha
Bonner Dec. 20, 1792 Washington Co.
Va. you may obtain further info
on this matter from the McKenzie
In. Library - Mrs Mary Ruth
Devault, 135 N. Broadway
McKenzie, In. 38201.

again I regret that I
don't have more relative info for
you and if I run across any I
will be pleased to send it to you.
If you have further questions
I will be glad to attempt to
answer them. If you think it
would be helpful I will be glad
to try to arrange a meeting at
some mutually convenient time
and place. Good luck and
happy hunting -

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