

Obituary of Francis Marion ("Frank") McKenzie, born 12 March 1820 in Berk County, North Carolina, died McMinn County, Tennessee 13 September 1900; he moved to Tenn. c. 1840, there married Amanda Ray, born Tennessee in August 1825, died in McMinn County, Tennessee 26 December 1889. They were parents of twelve children, including Francis Marion McKenzie, born McMinn Co. 17 Dec. 1851, moved to Arkansas 1881

where he was Sheriff of Franklin County; he died in Norman, Oklahoma 8 May 1930, having married 16 October 1870 in McMinn Co., Tenn. Nancy Abigail Shell, born there 17 Jan. 1852, died in Franklin Co., Ark. 24 Aug. 1912, daughter of James B. Shell (11 March 1817 NC-8 Dec. 1877 Tenn.) and his wife, Lucinda White (26 Feb. 1824 Tenn.-16 Sept. 1903 Tenn.), daughter of Obediah White (1799 Va.-1893 Tenn.) and his wife, Martha Mansell (1801 Ky.-1881 Tenn.), daughter of Robert Mansell, Jr. (died 1831 Bethanie, NC) who married 19 May 1800 Logan Co., Ky. Margaret Moore.

The only son of Francis Marion McKenzie (1851-1930) was James Obediah McKenzie (McMinn Co., Tenn. 12 March 1872-20 Nov. 1919 Franklin Co., Ark.) married in Franklin Co., Ark. 17 Aug. 1890 Mary Alena DeWitt (13 Feb. 1876 Clarke Co., Alabama-19 Aug. 1959 Fort Smith, Ark.) Among their children was:

Alexander Francis McKenzie (5 July 1895 Franklin Co. Ark.-14 Oct. 1975 Bakersfield, California) married in Franklin Co., Ark. 20 Oct. 1913 Ola Frances Shelby (14 Oct. 1895 Franklin Co., Ark.-25 July 1957 Bakersfield, Cal.) where they had settled in 1937.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. McKenzie was born in Berk County, N. C. March 12, 1820, died Sept. 13, 1900, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Shell, aged 80 years, 6 months and 1 day. He was confined to his bed 12 days. His suffering was great but he bore it with patience. He told his children he had a glorious hope of meeting their mother who had been gone 10 years. He professed religion in his 20th year and joined the M. E. Church, South, and held family prayers at his home and was a great worker in revival and camp meetings. For several days before his death he lay calm and serene awaiting the coming of the last messenger. It seemed as if his spirit was already beaming in light through the frail tabernacle and the holy rapture in his eyes seemed to indicate that he was able to behold the heavenly visitants who had come to welcome him to the everlasting home. The funeral was conducted by Brother M. F. Ray, of Athens, who had known him from boyhood. His remains were laid to rest in the Spring Creek graveyard to await the final judgment. We drop a tear of sympathy with the sorrowing ones. Let faithful children and by and by you will meet with father and mother where there will be no parting or shedding of tears.

A FRIEND.