



Our McNab Ancestors

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Foreword

Our McNab ancestors were of Scottish ancestry and one of our highlanders.

Direct ancestors are listed with Arabic numbers their children with small roman numerals and grandchildren with capital roman numerals. I have created a descendant outline of the McNab family at <http://retson.ca/mcnabdescendants.pdf>

Langholm, Dumfriesshires Scotland

Langholm, Dumfriesshire known colloquially as the "Muckle Toun", is a burgh in Dumfries and Galloway in Southern Scotland which lies between four hills in the valley of the River Esk in the Southern Uplands. It is eight miles north of the Anglo Scottish border and 73 miles south of Edinburgh.

1. John McNab

A John McNab who married Agnes Robertson is the leading candidate for our earliest known candidate. At the moment I have identified at least three children,

- 2. Peter McNab
- John
- Janet

2. Peter McNab 1794 – 1859 Jane Hope

Information on Peter McNab comes in part from a report by a McNab ancestor, possibly Elizabeth Burns, which was passed on by William W. Loucks around April 1952 and will be referred to hereafter as the McNab Report¹. His exact birth date is still uncertain. According to the McNab Report

Peter McNab, a young and proud man, moved down from the Highlands, possibly Inverness, on account or religious persecution. He was a non-conformist. He married a very beautiful lady Jane Hope, the rumour being because of her beauty. They settled in the Parrish of Westerkirk about six miles from Langewlm, Dumfriesshires².

He married Jane Hope on 19 Apr 1822 about 6 miles from Langholm, Parish of Westerkirk, Dumfries, Scotland. There are two possible deaths for Peter McNab, one in Westerkirk, Scotland and the other 27 Oct 1859 in Lanark county, Ontario.

Their children include,

- i. Agnes McNab b. 05 Sep 1823 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, Scotland, Last known address in Westerkirk 1851³
- ii. Thomas McNab b. 07 Jun 1825 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, Scotland⁴, m. Janet Hastie in 02 Jan 1874 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, Scotland
- 3 iii. Daniel McNab b. 10 Mar 1827 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, Scotland, m. Grace Campbell, 1 Jun 1855 in Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotland (See below)
- iv. John McNab b. 02 Apr 1831 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, Scotland⁵ d. 10 May 1909 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada, buried in Neepawa (apparently unmarried)
- v. Peter McNab b. 25 Feb 1834⁶ m. Isabella Lnu, d. 20 Aug 1921 in Halton, Ontario, had 6 children
- vi. James McNab b. 1837⁷, married Ann Walker, they had at least one child
I. James McNab b. 26 Feb 1865, d. 02 May 1919 in Granville, New South Wales, Australia
- vii. Alexander McNab b. 12 Oct 1838⁸, married Jessie Brook 28 Nov 1873 in Edinburgh Parish, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland
I. Peter McNab b. St Cuthberts, Midlothian, Scotland about 1878

¹ Burns, Elizabeth, McNab Report and accompanying chart, April 1952

² First paragraph of McNab Report

³ McNab Report, there is no mention of this daughter in this Report”

⁴ McNab Report, “Thomas, a school teacher”

⁵ McNab Report, “John, a gentleman’s valet”

⁶ McNab Report, “Another store keeper son, Peter, migrated to Canada and was a store keeper in Acton, Ontario”

⁷ McNab Report, “James, a dealer”

⁸ McNab Report, “Alexander, a coachman for a gentleman in Edinburgh”

- viii. Elizabeth McNab b. 27 Jun 1840 in Westerkirk Parish, Dumfries, Scotland, married James Harvey in 06 Mar 1868 Westerkirk, Scotland⁹, d. Oct 1911 Stirling, Balcutha, New Zealand. They had at least 7 children,
- I. George Harvey b. Abt. 1869 in Westerkirk, Dumfriesshire
 - II. Peter Harvey b. Abt. 1870 Westerkirk, Dumfriesshire, d. 20 Jan 1941 in Palmerston North New Zealand
 - III. William Harvey b. 21 Feb 1872, d. 18 May 1948 in Wingatui New Zealand
 - IV. John James Harvey b. 25 May 1875 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, d. 10 Sep 1955 in Silverstream Wellington New Zealand.
 - V. Thomas Harvey b. 01 Jun 1878 in Riggburnfoot Parish of Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire Scotland, d. 24 Dec 1933 in Karori, Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand
 - VI. Jane Harvey b. 1880, Westerkirk, Scotland, d. 22 Nov 1916, in Dunedin Central, Otago, New Zealand
 - VII. Janet Anne Harvey b. 01 Mar 1882 at Westerhall Westerkirk Dumfries-shire Scotland, d. 31 Aug 1962, Wellington, New Zealand
- ix. Robert McNab b. 17 Feb 1842 in Westerkirk, Dumfriesshire¹⁰

3. Daniel McNab 1827 - 1906 Grace Campbell 1831 – 1923

Daniel McNab, son of Peter McNab and Jane Hope was born 10 Mar 1827 in Westerkirk, Dumfries-shire, Scotland. According to the McNab Report he was a Sheppard in Scotland¹¹. He married Grace Campbell 01 Jun 1855 in Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotland

- i. Peter McNab 30 Apr 1855, m. Isabella Ann Sangster on 19 Oct 1892 at Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada, d. 18 Feb 1921 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada
 - I. Hazel McNab b. 13 May 1893 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada m. Cecil Jesse Badger 25 May 1918 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada
 - II. Donald McNab b. 19 Feb 1896 in Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada, m. Olive Hall on 31 May 1922 in Neepawa, Manitoba
 - III. James S McNab b. 10 Feb 1897 in Kelwood, Manitoba, Canada
 - IV. Peter John McNab b. 05 Aug 1901 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada
 - V. Grace Isabella McNab b. 09 Dec 1903 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada
 - VI. Jean Hope McNab b. 26 Sep 1911 in Kelwood, Manitoba, Canada, m. Saul Lang Makrauer in 1940 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada 03 Feb 2003 in Dallas, Texas, US.
- ii. David McNab b. 26 Feb 1857 in Port Hope, Northumberland, Ontario, Canada, m. (1) Elizabeth Govenlock 16 Jan 1889 in Osprey, Manitoba, (2) Mary Barrie Fleming 21 Feb 1894 in Bruce, Ontario, Canada d. 15 Mar 1938 Victoria, British Columbia, Canada,

By Elizabeth Govenlock

 - I. Jean Ballantyne McNab. b. 13 Nov 1889 in Glendale, Manitoba, Canada, m. Bertram Francis

⁹ McNab Report, "Elizabeth one of the youngest", married a Harvey and migrated to New Zealand

¹⁰ McNab Report, no mention made concerning Robert in this report.

¹¹ McNab Report, "Daniel was a Sheppard in Scotland."

Davidson on 17 Jan 1914 in Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada

II. Grace McNab b. 06 May 1891 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada, d. 19 Jun 1892 in Langford, Manitoba.

III. Elizabeth McNab b. 11 Apr 1892 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada d. 13 Oct 1974 in Calgary, Alberta.

By Mary Barrie Fleming

IV. Robert David McNab b. 07 May 1903 in Langford, Manitoba, Canada, m. Jean Phyllis Longmire, d. 01 Oct 1971 Victoria, British Columbia

4. iii. Jane McNab b. 6 Nov 1858 Port Hope, Northumberland, Ontario, Canada; m. Robert Burns 4 Dec. in Morris Township, Huron County, Ontario, Canada, d. 1941 Regina

iv. Margaret McNab b. 29 Feb 1860 in Port Hope, Northumberland, Ontario, Canada, m. William Sangster in 24 Nov 1892 at Langford, Manitoba, Canada, d. 18 Jun 1943 in Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada

4. Jane McNab 1858 – 1941 Robert Burns

Jane McNab, daughter of Daniel and Grace McNab was born in Walton, Ontario 6 November 1858. She married Robert Burns on 4 December 1878 in Morris Township, Huron County, Ontario, Canada. Robert Burns (2nd), son of Robert and Elizabeth Burns, was born on 14 May 1852 in Brussels Ontario. He was known as Bob.

In 1881 along with infant daughter Grace the family moved to homestead in Elkhorn Manitoba. In 1884 or 1885 he traded his land at Elkhorn, Manitoba for a quarter section at Neepawa (SW ¼ 17-14-15.) purchased by his father-in-law Daniel McNab on January 7, 1881. He lived there to 1897.

They retired from farming in 1917 and moved to Regina, renting the farm to son Bob who had been given the first quarter.

Robert died in 1929 and his wife in 1941 in Regina.

Their children include,

i. Grace Burns, b. Mar 1880 in Brussels, Ontario; d. Jun. 1889 at Neepawa, Manitoba

ii. Elizabeth Richardson Burns, b. 20 Apr. 1882 at Elkhorn, Manitoba; d. 1955 at Regina, Saskatchewan

iii. Jane McNab Margaret Emma Burns, b.4 Sept. 1883 in Elkhorn, Manitoba; m. John (Jack) Alexander Stevenson, 15 Jul. 1913; d. 17 Oct. 1957 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; They had two children,

I. Jack Burns Stevenson, b. 15 May 1914, d. 01 May 1981,

II. Elizabeth Jean Stevenson, b. 12 Sept. 1916 who married Bill Dixon; they had three children Donald William Dixon, b. 19 May 1948, David John Dixon, b. 19 Jul. 1949 and Margaret Dixon, b.1952, d. 1952

- iv. Robert Burns, b. 2 May 1885 in Neepawa, Manitoba; d. 30 Nov. 1950 at Neepawa, Manitoba
 Esther Jane Burns, b. 26 Jul. 1886 Neepawa, Manitoba; m. Edward Elbert Atkinson, 25 Jan 1912,
 d. 13 Feb. 1962 at Vancouver, British Columbia, See below
- v. Mary Olive Burns, b. 6 Feb. 1888 in Neepawa, Manitoba; m. Roy William Egbert Loucks, 16 Aug.
 1916, d. Jun. 1982 at Regina, Saskatchewan. They had two children,
 I. Jessie Isabelle Loucks, b. 17 May 1917, m. Bob Foster
 II. William Wentworth Loucks, b. Jun. 1921, m. Helen McCauley
- vi. Grace Ellen Burns, b. 9 Mar 1890 in Neepawa, Manitoba; d. 1970
- vii. Agnes Isabel Burns, b. 4 Jun. 1898 in Neepawa, Manitoba; m. Frank Guthrie d. 1926, d. 1977 in
 Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. They had two Children,
 I. Isabel Elizabeth Guthrie, b. 1929,
 II. Frank Burns Guthrie b. 1932

McNab Lines

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| 2. Daniel McNab 1827 – 1906 | Grace Campbell 1831 - 1923 |
| 3. Jane McNab 1858 – 1941 | Robert Burns |

Abbreviations

- b. born
- d. died
- m. married
- abt. about

Resources for McNabs

Author Uncertain Research Report