

Pops mother (Lamartha McCool) married  
Thomas Francis Ireland - 2 children Edith & George  
Later she married George Culbertson and had  
3 daughters, Alta, Hazel & Ethel MC COOL FAMILY

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Great grandfather, George McCool, Sr., was born in North Carolina, and moved with a colony of "Loyalists" about 1770 to Ontario Province, Canada. He located on a well-improved farm near Brantford, Middlesex County where his son, George, Jr., was born and lived for some years and where mother, Maria McCool, was born 1844.

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Joseph McCool, so far as mother remembers never left Canada. She recalls only names of the three elder brothers and sister Sarah.

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Ralph ("Uncle Rafe") and his wife, Aunt Mary moved to Macon County, Illinois and later to Michigan. Mother remembers them only as "shouting Methodists."

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Walker McCool moved from Canada to Macon County, Illinois, locating on a farm afterward known as the Royston Place where he <sup>batched</sup> backed for a time before joining his brother, Ralph, in Michigan.

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John McCool went from Canada to Colorado where he spent a few years exploring Pikes Peak and prospecting for gold. Later returned to Michigan.

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Martha Patsy "Aunt Pattie" married David Dodge. Mother remembers the Dodge cousins, but doesn't know where they were living at the time. The greater part of their time was spent in Michigan. One son, Adolphus, died in Libby prison during the Civil War.

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Grandfather, George McCool, Jr., was born December 25, 1805 in Ontario Province, Canada and lived for some years on his father's farm near the little city of Brantford. It was here he was married in 1831 to Maria Hazelton. To them was born one son, Uncle Henry.

About three years after her death grandfather was again married--to Elizabeth Swain, our grandmother. At this farm home, five of their ten children were born. In 1847 the family moved to a home of their own in Garmouth Township--"A beautiful country not far from Lake Erie." Three years later they moved to Hibbart Township--a heavily timbered country, N.W. of London and Seaforth, where "cheaper land could be obtained for the boys." In March, 1856, they again moved, this time leaving Canada for a "new home in the States," locating on a rented farm near Decatur, Illinois. The next spring grandfather bought a prairie farm near Macon, Illinois, adjoining one on which Uncle Henry then lived. Selling and moving again, he bought the Jack Hight place, south of Macon, which he later sold to grandfather Ireland. Early in 1863 they returned to Canada, renting a place not far from their former home, where they remained about two

years. Returning to Macon County they bought of Ed Gray a farm adjoining one owned and occupied by Uncle Will and Aunt Mollie McCool Hight. Here grandfather died, December 9, 1866, and here grandmother lived with her daughter Aunt Mott, then a widow, until the latter's marriage to Uncle George Culbertson. The house on this place, years later, was used by Frank McCool as an implement shed--the farm having been sold by the other heirs to Frank's father, Uncle William.

Grandfather was buried at Long Grove Cemetery, S.E. of Macon.

Uncle Henry McCool, only child of George and Maria Hazleton-McCool, was born November 6, 1832, near Brantford, Canada. Married Laura Pearsall, 1850. The young couple lived in a log-house built for them on his father's farm, Hibbart Township, for a time. About three years later moving to Macon County, Ill. where the two eldest children, Martha and Phoebe were born. In 1857 or 58 he returned to Canada, locating at Mitchell. Here Aunt Laura died, 1865. Later he was again married to Effie McLean, and returned to Illinois--Macon County. In 1874 or 75 the family moved to Guthrie County, Iowa. After a short residence there, they again returned to Macon County. In 1885 moved to Sherman County, Kansas where he and his youngest daughter, Wilda, both took homesteads. After Aunt Effie's death in 1888, he returned to Macon, 1890, and was followed shortly afterward by Wilda, then Mrs. Stuckey, and her two little ones, Ethel and Henry, all three of whom died the same winter at the home of Wilda's brother, George McCool, 1900 and 1901.

Later Uncle Henry went alone to Alaska, where he died and was buried 1897.

Aunt Laura was a great favorite with all her in-laws. Mother's little sister, Laura, who died at the age of four months, was named after her.

She, Aunt Laura, was a member of a fine family, the Pearsalls, who came originally from Long Island, New York. Some years ago, seeking information regarding mother's birthplace, I wrote the Postmaster at Seaforth, Ontario. From his reply--an odd coincidence--I learned that he, the Postmaster, Chas. Pearsall Sills, was a grandson of Aunt Laura's sister, Phoebe who had married Ben Sills, a business associate of grandfather McCools.

The following incident regarding the name D'Erlon, or Derlon, (name of Uncle Henry's second son--now living in Decatur, Illinois) was learned from the same source.

During the Revolutionary War a French officer by the name of D'Erlon and his young daughter came to America. The daughter was left on Long Island with a family named Pearsall. Following a battle of the Revolution, this officer was listed as missing and never returned to claim his daughter, who eventually, married one of the Pearsall family. "In every family of Pearsall blood since that time there has always been a Derlon."

Grandmother, Elizabeth Swain-McCool, was born August 5, 1814, whether in Vermont or Canada is not known. She was married in Canada near Brantford in 1836, second wife of George McCool.

Left an orphan in early childhood she was "bound out" to a family by the name of (name unknown) and with whom she lived till her marriage. Little is known of her family. She had one brother, Samuel Swain and two sisters, Abigail--unmarried and Laura who was twice married--first Green and second Burkholder.

The last years of her life she made her home with her daughter, Samantha Culbertson (Aunt Mott), but at the time of her death, December 26, 1891, she was visiting another daughter, Catherine Culver (Aunt Priss) in Springfield, Illinois.

Buried at Long Grove Cemetery near Macon, Illinois beside grandfather.

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Uncle William, eldest son of George and Elizabeth Swain-McCool was born April 8, 1837, near Brantford, Canada. Moved with his parents to Macon County, Illinois in 1856. Married Martha Hight (Aunt Mott) a sister of Uncle Will Hight--(Aunt Mollie McCool's husband) about 1863. All their married life was spent near Macon--the last years on a farm adjoining his mother's place on the East where he died November 14, 1912. Burial in the Macon Cemetery.

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Mary Jane McCool-Hight, (Aunt Mollie), eldest daughter in grandfathers family, born near Brantford, Canada, came with the family, 1856, to Macon County, Illinois, where she was married to William Hight shortly before her parents returned to Canada.

Until the two youngest children were little tots they lived

on a farm south of Macon--then moved to a new and much nicer house in town. But how homesick they were for the country home. I remember Aunt Mollie telling of three year old Jesse coming in one day saying, "Mamma, let's go home. I can't find even a long cob here to play with." She took him on her lap and "they cried together." She lived to see the passing away of her husband, only daughter, Nettie, and two eldest sons, Ottie and George. Died at the Macon home, March 17, 1937.

*One son was in the grain business with Bob Seevergs father*

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Isaac McCool, born November 29, 1841, Brantford, Canada--died of T.B., 1862, at 21 years of age, at Macon, Illinois.

Next older than mother, he was a great favorite of hers and close companion. He was "the one really fine looking one of the family" a decided blonde with very curly hair. Mother often said our "Boy," Mary's twin, resembled him very greatly. He was buried at Long Grove Cemetery, where his parents were, some years later, laid beside him.

*Isaac's grandfathers*

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Mother, Maria McCool, born September 14, 1844. Story of her life in Family History.

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Samantha McCool, (Aunt Mott) mother's next younger sister, was the last of grandfather's family to be born at the old home near Brantford, Canada, August 6, 1847.

She was married August 20, 1868, to Thomas F. Ireland (father's brother) and went at once to her new home near Gallatin,

*Isaac's grandmothers*

*Sister named Isaac's brother*