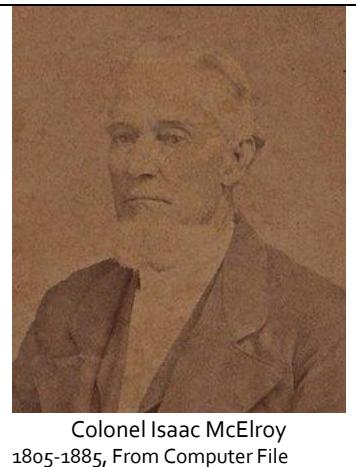
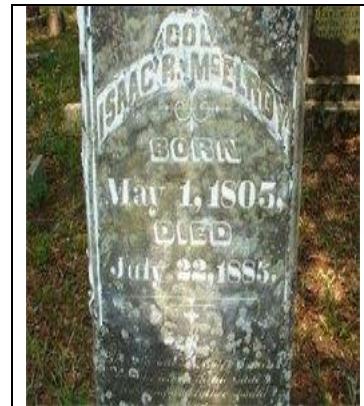


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MY FAMILY'S LAST OWNER



Colonel Isaac McElroy
1805-1885, From Computer File



Colonel McElroy's Stone
From Computer File

Slave Holder

1850 Census

Colonel Isaac R. McElroy, 1805 Married Nancy McElroy, 1803							
Sarah 1830	John 1832	Frances 1835	Helen 1839	Isaac, Jr. 1841	James 1843	Virginia 1845	Andrew 1849

The goal here is to find Rev. O'Neal McElroy's relationship to Colonel Isaac McElroy. Rev. O'Neal was the postman running the mail route from Cuba all of my time in Alabama. There is every indication that Rev. O'Neal McElroy was a very responsible, respectable, and honorable Christian man. A long route will be taken to investigate his relationship as well as a reason is given for the long route to investigate his relationship to Colonel Ike.

The Colonel may have had older and younger McElroy children than shown on the above chart. Some children could have been married in 1850 and some could have been born after Andrew who was one year old in 1850. That

calls for looking at the 1840 and 1860 census. The writer will now change families.

We know that the Tate(s) were the prominent white family in the Pine Grove Church area. Ms. Betty Bryant was one of the Tate daughters. For reference, Ms. Betty was Ms. Jessie Mae in the store's mother-in-law. The Tate Family owned land that went from the Pine Grove Church area all the way to the Pleasure Spot. That land joins the Randolph land in Brunson. Instead of acres, it is miles and miles of land. There is no reason to believe that the Tate Family was working that land, itself, but there is no known history of the Tate Family holding slaves. It now seems that old people did not tell or talk about some things.

Ms. Betty Tate Bryant was born in 1885 and died during my adulthood in 1971. Her father was Mr. Robert Tate who was born in 1848. Her grandfather was Mr. John Tate who was born in England in 1815. Mr. John probably had slaves working that land. The writer knew Ms. Betty very well. She was a small lady and warm toward black people, but her only child a son did not appear to be warm. For young people out of state that do not know the geography in the area, the Larkin(s), Drummond(s), and Davis land is in the Tate area. The writer will change subjects again.

The late 1800 record indicates that after slavery ended slave masters had more land than they could work. It appears that many of the masters went broke. That suggestion comes from the government giving former slaves land if they had three witnesses that they had worked the land for a period of time. Please see the Larkin

document. The writer will now go back to Colonel Ike McElroy.

It has been confirmed that Colonel Ike McElroy owned the Johnson and Bollar Family from the Kinterbish High School community. He may have also owned the Talison Family, but that has not been confirmed. The Lindsey Family also owned miles of land in that area. In the same community, there are not white people on the Brunson Road. The Johnson, Bollar, and Lindsey land joins each other. That loans reason to believe that it was a large track of land that the same slave master owned. If the reader notices, South Sumter County black people's land is concentrated in given areas. A heavy concentration of black people suggests to this writer that the heavy black population is in a former slave concentrated area, but he does not have evidence.

Sumter County Alabama, United States

1850 Slave Schedule of Isaac McElroy

1 of 8 sheets

Altman	William Altman	1850	Male	40	1810	Black
Altman	William Altman	1850	Female	19	1831	Black
Altman	William Altman	1850	Female	1	1849	Black
Baines	Willis Baines	1850	Male	28	1822	Black
Baines	Willis Baines	1850	Female	27	1823	Black
Baines	Willis Baines	1850	Female	0	1850	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Male	35	1815	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Female	28	1822	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Female	23	1827	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Male	22	1828	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Male	18	1832	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Male	17	1833	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Female	7	1843	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Male	8	1842	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850	Male	2	1848	Black

Ball	Willis Ball	1850		Female	5	1845	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850		Female	4	1846	Black
Ball	Willis Ball	1850		Female	2	1848	Black
Beaver	James Beavers	1850		Male	18	1832	Black
Beaver	James Beavers	1850		Male	60	1790	Black
Beaver	James Beavers	1850		Male	3	1847	Black
Beaver	James Beavers	1850		Female	22	1828	Black
Brown	Benjamin F Brown	1850		Female	50	1800	Black
Brown	Benjamin F Brown	1850		Female	26	1824	Black
Brown	Benjamin F Brown	1850		Female	25	1825	Black
Brown	Benjamin F Brown	1850		Male	12	1838	Black
Bryant	Alexander C Bryant	1850		Female	17	1833	Black
Dearman	Thomas Y Dearman	1850		Female	35	1815	Black
Dearman	Thomas Y Dearman	1850		Female	10	1840	Black
Dearman	Thomas Y Dearman	1850		Male	4	1846	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Female	40	1810	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Male	12	1838	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Female	10	1840	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Female	7	1843	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Male	5	1845	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Male	2	1848	Black
Hitt	Charles Hitt	1850		Male	0	1850	Black
Hitt	Austin Hitt	1850		Female	28	1822	Black
Hitt	Austin Hitt	1850		Female	7	1843	Black
Hitt	Austin Hitt	1850		Male	10	1840	Black
Jarman	Thomas Jarman	1850		Female	12	1838	Black
Jarman	Thomas Jarman	1850		Male	10	1840	Black
Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Male	40	1810	Black
Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Female	27	1823	Black
Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Female	11	1839	Black
Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Male	8	1842	Black
Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Male	6	1844	Black

Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Male	4	1846	Black
Jemison	John M Jemison	1850		Female	2	1848	Black
Jones	Josiah Jones	1850		Female	28	1822	Black
Jones	Josiah Jones	1850		Female	7	1843	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	98	1752	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	55	1795	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	48	1802	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	32	1818	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	29	1821	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	27	1823	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	25	1825	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	18	1832	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	23	1827	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	14	1836	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	11	1839	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	9	1841	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	6	1844	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	42	1808	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	18	1832	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	40	1810	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	38	1812	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	11	1839	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	6	1844	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Male	4	1846	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	2	1848	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	19	1831	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	17	1833	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	15	1835	Black
McElroy	Isaac R McElroy	1850		Female	0	1850	Black
Thorne	Willis Thorne	1850		Female	36	1814	Black
Thorne	Willis Thorne	1850		Female	15	1835	Mulatto
Thorne	Willis Thorne	1850		Female	8	1842	Black

Thorne	Willis Thorne	1850		Female	4	1846	Black
Thorne	Willis Thorne	1850		Male	2	1848	Black
Thorne	Willis Thorne	1850		Male	11	1839	Black
Williams	John Williams	1850		Female	13	1837	Black
Williams	John Williams	1850		Male	1	1849	Black

If the 2019 site can be located again, the entire list of slaves will be posted.

To be sure that the reader follows, this paragraph may be academic. History books tell us that slaves counted for 3/5 citizen not person in census. The 3/5 had to do with control in the Congress. Colonel Ike McElroy had 8 pages of people held in slavery. The above is only one of the 8 pages. A number of the Colonel's people held in slavery carried the McElroy name. I have only heard or read about a few black McElroy family members in the area. That group was in the 1800s census. That leads to the conclusion that many of the former slaves dropped the master's last name or they left the area. Most leaving the areas seems less likely than the name change theory.

The further we dig the more we find in this area. There are recognized last names on the list of people the Colonel held in slavery. Colonel Isaac has a grave marker in the McElroy grave yard that is in the middle of the community of former slave families he owned. If one notices the slave population on the above sheet was reported different from how census data was reported for white people in that day. For slaves only, the head of household was listed and all people under that person are listed as that person's name with year of birth, age at the time and gender.

It gets even more interesting as the list only shows one Mulatto. A white man was Willis

Thorne's first baby's daddy, shown above in red. Colonel Ike is shown as being the head of 25 or about 1/3 of the 84 people he held in slavery. The reason for that is not known. The oldest person on the McElroy list was said to be 98 and the next oldest appears to have been 60. Nine females and 16 males carried the McElroy name.

The slave population was young. The average age was 18. Many of the older people probably had been worked to death, starved to death or killed. The long route to investigating is finished and the writer will go back to Rev. O'Neal McElroy, an honorable mail man.

We still need to see if Rev. O'Neal is on the same McElroy birth line as Colonel Ike since there were many people in Cuba with that last name. There was no 1840 or 1860 census to indicate that Colonel Ike had additional children.

Postman O'Neal's father Ernest was found but not Mr. Ernest's father. Therefore the search was exhausted. Like others with the last name, Mr. Buddy McElroy who owns the McElroy Truck Line in Cuba appears most honorable. He gives each of his black employees \$500 in December to give to their local church for distribution to the needy. The writer will try to meet some of the McElroy Family members on his next trip to Sumter County.

Reconstruction of the Setting

Either way we look at it, the 98 years old man being held in slavery has age that is in question. His last name would be important, but such records were not kept in that day. He was

male and McElroy. Additional information is required to confirm the age. With the age as given, that man would have been born in 1752. He would have been 24 during the War of

Independence. The writing on the census card may not have been legible. The age may have been written wrong or the person that put the data into the computer may have made an error. We will leave that alone.

From months old to 15 years there were people in each age number on the McElroy list for a total of 44 people. The older group from 45 to 60 years old there were only 5 people to include the 98 years old man. That suggests that our ancestors were worked to death when they were quite young. Between 40 and 50 years old there were six people. Between 50 and 60 years old there were two people and one was 60. The children 15 and younger stood a chance of having a

longer life than their parents. The 15 years old would have been 30 in 1865. It was a challenge for our people, no medicine, no sympathy, no freedom, no rest, no gathering and no family support was available. The Lord has been good to us and continues to be with us to have made it this far.

There was progress but it was minimal prior to 1965. I finished high school and left two years before forced school integration. The school system was intentionally awful. The system was designed for failure, but God did not allow it to happen. There was a family in Cuba, during my life time that held people in what may be called legal slavery. Someone should write about it.

Age	Number of McElroy Slaves
0	3 slaves
1	2 slaves
2	6 slaves
3	1 slaves
4	5 slaves
5	2 slaves
6	3 slaves
7	4 slaves
8	3 slaves
9	1 slaves
10	4 slaves
11	4 slaves
12	3 slaves
13	1 slave
14	1 slave
15	2 slaves
16	None
17	3 slaves
18	4 slaves
19	2 slaves
20	None
21	None
22	2 slaves
23	2 slaves
24	None
25	2 slaves

26	1 slave
27	3 slaves
28	4 slaves
29	1 slave
30	None
31	None
32	1 slave
33	None
34	None
35	2 slaves
36	1 slave
37	None
38	1 slave
39	None
40	4 slaves
41	None
42	1 slave
43	None
44	None
45	None
46	None
47	None
48	1 slave
49	None
50	1 slave
51	None
52	None
53	None
54	None
55	1 slave
56	None
57	None
58	None
59	None
60	1 slave
98	1 slave

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A recent visit to the McElroy grave yard led to the belief that the African Americans buried in that graveyard were property of Colonel McElroy. The Randolph, Bollar, Hearns, Fitch, and several other African families are buried in the back. There is reason to believe that some white families once lived in or near the area of the graveyard.

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