

## CHAPTER XIX

### HUGH McCLELAN

#### and his son

#### DR. ROBERT McCLELAN and his move to CECIL CO., MD

- 1737, April 7 - Hugh McClelan received a Warrantee of land in Salisbury twp. Lancaster Co. It was surveyed 13 May 1737 and Patented to him on 18 October 1745 Patent #A-14-331 for 172 acres and allowances.
- 1740 Hugh McClelan was an elder in Donegal Presbytery-Donegal Church [page 172 of EGLES NOTES AND QUERIES XXX] This Hugh McClelan is not yet proven to be the one who received the 1737 Warrantee. However, no other Hugh McClelan has been found in that time-span.
- 1741, November 13 - Hugh McClelan and Mathew Coudon Inventoried the estate of Robert McClelan. Both signed the Inventory [see a Copy on page 143]. Robert McClelan Inventory #761 filed 13 Nov 1741, Chester Co., PA.
- 1745, January 30 - Hugh McClelan received a Warrantee of Land which was surveyed 19 March 1749, Patented #A-15-531 in Salsbury (Salisbury) township Lancaster Co. for 32 acres and allowances.
- 1750, October 4 - Hugh McClelan purchased of William Cook 108 acres in Salsbury twp. Lancaster Co., PA which had been Warranted to Cook 12 June 1734 and Patented 16 August 1745 (Patent #A-12-304) Deed unrecorded but recited in Orphan's Court Record and in a later Deed #BB page 245.
- 1751, December 24 - "Philip Kieve, servant, age about 20, runaway from Hugh McClelan living near Pequea Meeting House in Lancaster Co., PA." [NOTE: Pequea Meeting House is located in Salisbury twp.] from PA Gazette (1748-1755 p159)
- 1754, May 16 - "Philip Ceave, Irish Servant, age about 19 or 20 former master Hugh McClelan of Chester Co. has runaway from Jacob Ford of Morris County East New Jersey" from PA Gazette (1748-1755 page 285)
- 1754, September 30 - Administration Bond Book #1 page 21 on Hugh McClelan deceased, widow Christian McClelan of Salsbury twp. 5 children. They are Robert, William, John, Sarah and Hugh all underage. Guardians appointed.
- 1756, Christian McClelan, widow, received a Warrantee of land. See *PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES SERIES 3* Volume XXIV page 715
- 1764, January 26 - Christian McClelan married Joseph Brown at the St. James Episcopal Church in Lancaster City, PA (As recorded in St. James Marriage records. I have a copy)
- 1765, September 9 - Orphan's Court Report page 194, Orphan's of Hugh McClelan. Children still under age are John, Sarah and Hugh. Guardians appointed.
- 1768, March 6 - Orphan's Court Report Lancaster Co., PA re "Orphan's of Hugh McClelan, deceased; John McClelan above age 14 chooses Isaac McCammont as guardian, Sarah McClelan minor daughter of Hugh McClelan, deceased, above the age of 14 chooses James Proudfoot as guardian. The Court appointed James Proudfoot as guardian over the estate of Hugh McClelan a minor child of Hugh McClelan, deceased." The report continues: "12 good and lawful men viewed the estate late of Hugh McClelan a Plantation in Salsbury of 312 acres. The court ordered Robert McClelan, eldest son of Hugh, deceased, to pay respective shares to the widow and children of Hugh. Robert to Pay out of the principal sum of £376.13.4 1/3 part of the valuation in lieu of full satisfaction of the dower (widow's) and Robert retain in his hands the Principal and in the meantime to remain charges on the premises after the death of the said Widow the said sum of £326.13.4 to be divided amongst the children of the said deceased  
to William McClelan           £125.11.1  
to John McClelan             £125.11.1  
to Sarah McClelan            £125.11.1  
to Hugh McClelan             £125.11.1  
Said Robert to retain  
for his own share             £251.2.2½

And, finally, that the expenses arising on the Valuation and Confirmation of the said Estate to the aforesaid Robert McClelan."

- 1773, January 8 - Lancaster Deed Book BB page 423 [NOTE: This is a very important document for it names William McClelan as the elder brother to Hugh McClelan, deceased. He is the only one who can verify the fact that Robert McClelan is, indeed, the eldest child of Hugh McClelan by another wife whom Hugh married prior to his marriage to Christian now married to Joseph Brown.] "To clear any doubt that might arise" The Release reads, "William McClelan eldest brother to Deceased Hugh McClelan in which William McCleland accepts £5 to release Robert McClelan eldest son of Hugh McClelan to own the 3 properties owned previously by Hugh McClelan, deceased. /s/ Wm. McClalan." This deed was not recorded until 18 January 1785. It was witnessed by James Ross and Jno. Reiley who, on 16 Jan 1776, "Capt. James Ross and John Reiley swore they saw William McClellan sign and that the names signed were are the proper handwritings of the said men."
- 1773, January 12 - Lancaster Deed Book BB page 425 [NOTE: This, too, is a very important deed as it traces all the land acquisitions of Hugh McClelan, names his children and their present guardians, tells of his widow's remarriage, of the release, above, by Hugh's eldest brother, William McClelan and of all the Court's procedures to assure Robert McClelan of his right to sell 220 acres to one Thomas Patton for \$1,130 leaving 92 acres unsold.

- It notes that William McClellan second son of Hugh McClellan has also deceased as of 1771 and that Robert McClellan was Administrator of his estate and that William McClellan, deceased son of Hugh was unmarried without issue. Robert McClellan is called a Farmer. The boundaries of the remaining land are described but unclear to this reader. /w/ by James Ross and George Ross /s/ Robert McClellan Recorded 18 January 1785
- 1768, May 16 Lancaster Co., Pa Deed Book N page 37 Robert McClellan sells to Francis Hopkinson 172 acres of land in Salisbury twp. by Wm. Cook and Alex. McCamont. Recorded Aug 6, 1768
  - 1770, August 10 Lancaster Co., PA Deed Book S page 688 Robert McClellan sells to John McGowen land in Salisbury twp. Recorded Aug 3, 1778
  - 1776, Mar 9 Lancaster Co., PA Deed Book S page 517 Hugh McClellan Heirs Release to Robert McClellan for \$5.00 each their right to land. Recorded April 26, 1776
  - 1789, April 27 Lancaster Co., PA Deed Book N 3 page 234 Robert McClellan “of the township of Little Britain” Lancaster Co., PA buys from Joseph Allison and wife, Anne, of Chamberstown in Franklin Co., PA land in Little Britain twp. on the road leading from McCalls Ferry to Christiana Bridge and known by name of Galespie’s Road, 80 acres.
  - 1788, January 4 Warrantee issued to Robert McClellan in Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co. It was surveyed 8 Sept, 1788 (SURVEY C-123288) for 126 acres 10 perches. Patented to Robert McClellan 13 April 1789 (Patent # P-13-537) Called “DOVER” and bordered by James Montgomery, John Jemison, John McComb, John Acheson, and Matt. Atcheson.
  - 1782, Tax Records of Lancaster Co., PA show Dr. Robert McClellan pays tax in Little Britain twp.

There are other deeds, but most important is the following one which I came upon by accident! Thus my keen interest in this family.

- 1795, April 17 CECIL Co., MD Deed Book Liber J.S. #3 folio 271: James Evans and James Leiper Porter, Executors of Richard Gay and Doctor Robert McClellan of Lancaster Co., in consideration of £675 paid by Dr. Robert McClellan sells all that tract of land situate in Octoraro Hundred formerly the property of Richard Gay deceased called THE LEVELL and LEVELS ADDITION “by Husband’s Division” (see Will of Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738) of THE LEVEL) “other lines by John Ewing’s Patent conveyed to Richard Gay [See Cecil Co., MD Deed Book 9 page 310 and 11 page 176] then by LEVEL’s addition etc. by Green’s Branch to land of Dr. Robert McClellan containing 219 acres ... Margaret Gay affirms that she sells her right of Dower as widow of deceased Richard Gay/Guy.”  
/w/ William Miller /s/ Margaret Gay  
/w/ John Hartshorn /s/ James Evans  
/s/ James Leiper Porter

It should be noted that Margaret Gay is a sister to James Leiper Porter both children of Andrew Porter of SMITH’S FORT. Also, Margaret Gay and James Leiper Porter of half-sister and half-brother of Robert Porter who is a son of Andrew Porter and Eleanor Ewing, a daughter of Alexander Ewing.

Richard Gay aka Guy purchased his land-from sons of Alexander Ewing died 1738

- 1981, February Issue of the *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine* printed excerpts from the McCLELLAN BIBLE (in the Possession of William Gillespie.)

#### Birth Records:

Jane McClellan was born Feb 7, 1777

Mary McClellan was born August 31, 1779

Elizabeth McClellan was born May 4, 1786

Esther McClellan was born Dec 14, 1788

Samuel Gillespie was born Dec 13, 1787 [Note: He is a son of Samuel and Mary Ewing Gillespie. Samuel died Sept 1787, and provided for this son to have MT. GILLESPIE where Nathaniel Gillespie lived, was a son of George Gillespie and Anne Ewing Gillespie half-sister to Nathaniel Ewing of DIVIDING.]

Mary McVey was born April 7, 1802

Mary Ann Gillespie daughter of Samuel and Mary Gillespie was born July 10, 1844

#### Marriages:

Putnam Ewing married Jane McClellan Feb. 26, 1801 by Rev. Cosden [Putnam Ewing was a son of Patrick Ewing and was born April 22, 1776. He moved to and died in Bath Co., VA.]

George Gillespie married (Polly) Mary McClellan March 7, 1805 by Rev. McGraw

John Rawlings married (Betsy) Elizabeth McClellan in February 1807

Samuel Gillespie married Esther McClellan September 16, 1823 by Rev. McGraw [She was 35]

Samuel Gillespie married Mary McVey Feb 11, 1840 by Rev. George Burrowes.

## Death Records:

Robert McClellan, husband of Elizabeth, died August 18, 1822 age 82 [So born 1740 eldest of Hugh McClellan and first marriage.]  
 Elizabeth McClellan, wife of Robert McClellan died in the year 1796  
 George Gillespie died Feb. 10, 1819 age 46 [So born 1773. He is the son of William Gillespie died 1802 a son of George Gillespie and Anne Ewing Gillespie (half-sister to Nathaniel Ewing, full sister to Joshua Ewing both of DIVIDING).  
 Mary Gillespie died January 29, 1858 [widow of George died 1819]  
 Samuel Gillespie husband of Esther Gillespie died July 7, 1844 age 56 years, 6 mos. 24 days (Same as Samuel above born Dec 13, 1787)  
 Esther Gillespie consort of Samuel Gillespie died March 18, 1839 age 49 3mos. 4 days.  
 Mary Gillespie consort of Samuel Gillespie died July 21, 1844 (14 days after Samuel)  
 Mary Anne Gillespie daughter of Samuel and Mary (McVey) Gillespie died July 21, 1844 (she was 11 days old and died the same day as her mother)  
 John Rawlings died Jan 20, 1818 age 32  
 Elizabeth Rawlings died December 27, 1843 age 57

Dr. Robert McClellan's will is dated 3 February 1819. Ester McClellan, his unmarried daughter, is the sole executrix. She was empowered to sell his land a year after his death provided the buyer could pay the full amount. He held land in "Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co., PA" and in "Octoraro Hundred Cecil Co., MD."

The Final Document we present is one in Cecil Co., MD Documents called a RELEASE ASSIGNMENT, dated 29 November 1824, pages 369-375. Quite lengthy it names all the daughters and who get the land:

"Mary Gillespie bought the land from Executor then sold to Samuel Gillespie and wife Esther McClellan Gillespie have made an adjustment with Putnam Ewing acting for his wife, Jane McClellan as heir of Dr Robert McClellan were paid \$383.12 as their full share of Jane McClellan Ewing's part ... That the purchase of land by Esther McClellan Gillespie was made with the full knowledge and approval of said Putnam and Jane Ewing."

"Samuel Gillespie and wife Esther McClellan Gillespie had bid \$1550 for her father's land, all the land in Maryland where on Dr. McClellan lived. The "buyer" was unable to pay so Esther sold, privately, the land to Mary McClellan, widow of George Gillespie, for \$1600 part of 2 tracts called LEVELL and LEVELL'S ADDITION containing 220 acres of land which by deed from estate of Richard Guy on April 17, 1795 was purchased by Dr. McClellan, Deed Liber J.B.#3 page 271."

/s/ Esther Gillespie

/s/ Samuel Gillespie

"Samuel Gillespie and wife Esther McClellan Gillespie sell to Elizabeth Rawlings widow of John Rawlings part of two tracts called LEVELL and LEVELL'S ADDITION containing 78 acres for \$533.33." Described as next to George Gillespie's land!

This is a very revealing deed taking much time and study to understand. Esther McClellan married Samuel Gillespie one year after her father died. One year later she, as Executrix, wanted to buy the "home place" but according to her father's will was required to pay cash for it. She and Samuel did not have the cash. Her sister Mary McClellan Gillespie then bought it for \$50 more than Esther had bid for it. Esther was acting as Executrix when she sold it to Mary! Mary, then, sold it. I am sure "on time/terms" tho the Deed does not say how long it will take them to pay for it.

Esther (McClellan) Gillespie and Samuel, then, sell 78 acres to her sister Elizabeth (McClellan) Rawlings whose husband died in 1818. With that money (\$ 533.33) they were able to pay Putnam Ewing and Jane (McClellan) Ewing her part of the inheritance! This Deed was recorded 4 April 1825 and "delivered to Samuel Gillespie on 18 August 1828."

Mary (McClellan) Gillespie had inherited part of THE LEVELL as her husband, George Gillespie, had willed it to her in his 1819 Will. He had inherited it from his father, William Gillespie, who had died in 1802 leaving a will. William Gillespie had purchased it from his mother, Anne (Ewing) Gillespie and her eldest son. Samuel Gillespie as recorded in Cecil Co. Deed Book 9 Folio 163-164. William Gillespie paid £290 for 145 acres of THE LEVELL on 29 October 1759 soon after his father, George Gillespie, had died. This is the Deed read by some and interpreted as Samuel Gillespie being the husband of Ann Ewing Gillespie. NOT SO!! He is called "her son" and a later Commission report identifies them further. (see Chapter XXX). For a "few minutes" Mary (McClellan) Gillespie owned ALL of the land that was in the original purchase of THE LEVELL by Alexander Ewing in 1731 (see Chapter XXIII). Another interesting tie with THE LEVELL is that Alexander Ewing (died 1799 son of Nathaniel Ewing and Rachel Porter Ewing) had bought part of William Husbands LEVELL from John Stump a son-in-law of William Husbands. John Stump's daughter married a son of Rev. Joseph Cowden (See Chapter XVI). SMALL WORLD!

- B. Children of Hugh McClellan (who is the second son of Robert McClellan and 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., N.J. Robert (Sr) married 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Ewing sister to MY William Ewing.) Hugh McClellan and wife had
1. **Robert McClellan** b 1740 died 18 August 1822 married in St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA on 29 April 1771 **Elizabeth Graham**. (Elizabeth died 1796) They had:
    - a. **Jane McClellan** b 7 Feb 1777 d ? married 26 Feb 1801 **Putnam Ewing** (son of Patrick Ewing) b 22 April 1776. They moved to Bath Co., KY. (See Chapter XXV for children.)
    - b. **Mary McClellan** b 31 August 1779 d 29 January 1858 married **George Gillespie** b 1773, son of William Gillespie who died in 1802 a son of Anne Ewing and George Gillespie.) They married 6 March, 1805 in West Nottingham Presbyterian Church by Dr. James McGraw (Magraw) in Colora, MD. (See Chapter XXX for their children and grandchildren.)
    - c. **Elizabeth McClellan** b 4 May 1786 d 27 Dec 1843 married 20 Jan 1807 **John Rawlings** (b 1786 d 20 Jan 1818 at age 32). His Intestate Administration Bond names wife, Elizabeth sons Robert, Greenberry and John; daughters Rebecca and Elizabeth. Letters granted to James Gillespie. Elizabeth Rawlings Will in Cecil Co., MD Liber B page 227 was probated 24 Jan 1844. She names daughter Elizabeth Taggart, wife of Henry McVey and daughter, Rebecca. The witnesses were Amos Beasler, George Gillespie and William B. Rowland. [The family has furnished us with the following descendants of Elizabeth McClellan and John:]
      - i. **Robert M. Rawlings** b ca 1811 married **Mary McVey**. They had:
        - (I.) **Elizabeth Rawlings** b ca 1842
        - (II.) **John McVey Rawlings** b ca 1844 married **Eliz Hindman**. They had:
          - (A.) **Llewlyn H. Rawlings** married **Elinor (Nellie) Taylor**. [Elinor Taylor was aunt to Mary Frances Taylor whose family owned "STONE LEA" the home and farm of Patrick Ewing, Jr.]  
Llewlyn and Elinor Rawlings had:
            - (1.) **Marion Rawlings** married **Ernest Lee Bannister** They had: Ernest Lee, Jr. and Dr. Kenneth Bannister.
            - (2.) **Greenberry Rawlings**
            - (3.) **John Rawlings**
            - (4.) **Rebecca Rawlings**
            - (5.) **Elizabeth Rawlings Taggart** married **Henry McVey**
    - d. **Esther McClellan** b 14 Dec 1788 d 18 March 1839 married 16 sept 1823 **Samuel Gillespie**. He was b 13 Dec 1787 d 7 July 1844 married 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary McVey 11 Feb. 1840 by Rev. George Burrows. He was a son of Mary (Ewing) Gillespie and Samuel Gillespie. Samuel was a son of Anne (Ewing) Gillespie, immigrant, and George Gillespie. Anne Ewing was (sister to Nathaniel Ewing (I) b 1693 d 1748 Cecil Co., MD.) See Chapter XXX for the history of this family.
  2. **William McClellan** b ca 1745/6 d 1771 unmarried. Deeds and Estate administration call him a "minor" as late as 1765 Orphan's Court Record.
- Hugh McClellan married 2<sup>nd</sup> ca 1747 **Christian**. They had:
3. **John McClellan** b ca 1748/9 lived in Salisbury twp. Lancaster Co., PA moved to Little Britain twp. receiving a Warrantee there # C-169-122 for 19 ½ acres. He is on tax records there but we have not tried to trace him.
  4. **Sarah McClellan** b ca 1750 has not been traced
  5. **Hugh McClellan** b ca 1752/3, it is believed, moved to Cumberland Co., PA where he is on the tax for 1778, 1779 and 1782. We have not traced him further.